

Aboyne Golf Club Formaston Park Aboyne Aberdeenshire AB34 5HP

## **Press Release**

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# Aboyne awarded flagship North-East tournament

Aboyne Golf Club is delighted to announce we will be hosting the flagship competition in the North-East District golfing calendar.

Run over the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018, the North-East District Men's Open is a World Amateur Golf Ranking event, together with being a Scottish Golf 'Order of Merit' tournament. The two-day strokeplay competition attracts the top amateur golfers from throughout the country and is the jewel in the North-East golfing diary.

George Young, the Secretary and Treasurer for Scottish Golf in the North East, said "We are limited in the number of venues capable of offering the top players a reasonable challenge and we identified Aboyne as one of the few courses in our area that fulfils that challenge. We are delighted Aboyne have kindly agreed to host this high-profile tournament."

Director of Golf at Aboyne Fraser Dunlop said" It is a great honour and privilege for Aboyne to have been chosen by Scottish Golf North East to host such a prestigious ranking tournament. Aboyne has a growing reputation as a venue which can hold such events offering a unique, varied and challenging course maintained in pristine condition by our greens staff. The award of this tournament is testimony to their dedication."

Club President Elect Justin Grant said "Over the past few years Aboyne has hosted a variety of Scottish Golf premier tournaments covering both ladies and juniors playing categories. To now be awarded the flagship men's event is an absolute thrill and at long last Aboyne is rightfully getting the recognition it deserves as a wonderful course on which to hold top level golfing competitions. The tournament will no doubt attract visitors and revenue in to the mid-Deeside communities and will be a great opportunity to showcase our local area. With the other recently announced award by the R&A of the LGU Coronation Foursomes Finals, 2018 is shaping up to be another busy year at Aboyne and we relish our chance to host these premier events."

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## Notes to Editors

Aboyne Golf Club Director of Golf Fraser Dunlop and President Elect Justin Grant



### Aboyne Golf Club

Aboyne Golf Club, an Archie Simpson and Martin Hawtree inspired course, is the oldest on Royal Deeside, Scotland. The course sits on the eastern edge of the historic Cairngorms National Park and is truly a captivating setting for golfers offering a memorable challenge.

With a growing reputation, Aboyne has hosted on behalf of governing body 'Scottish Golf' a variety of national and regional competitions. We are honoured to be chosen by the R&A to host the LGU 'Coronation Foursomes' Finals in August 2018. Proud host of 2016 Scottish Women's County Finals. Host of Scottish Golf Junior Open Regional Qualifier 2017.

Aboyne has won many plaudits as one of the best manicured, varied and challenging inland courses in Scotland always maintained in pristine condition. The ultimate course of two halves, parkland and heathland, which challenges golfers of all abilities particularly the back nine featuring unique topography.

Surrounded by heather capped mountains and sprawling pine forests, Aboyne is a captivating setting renowned as one of the most beautiful golfing venues in Scotland. Located under an hour from Aberdeen International Airport, we are only 70 miles from St Andrews.

Come and be challenged on one of the most varied and unique courses in the 'Home of Golf'.

