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## Press Release

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### **Aboyne hosts the R&A Coronation Foursomes Area Finals**

Aboyne is celebrating after successfully hosting the leading national competition for amateur lady golfers at the club yesterday. Selected by the sport's governing body 'the Royal & Ancient' (R&A) to stage the area finals of the 'Coronation Foursomes' it was the first visit to Aboyne for the R&A.

The long-standing and highly prestigious 'Coronation Foursomes' has this year attracted 25,000 entrants from over 1,200 clubs across the UK & Ireland in a series of regional qualifiers. Some 120 ladies representing 60 clubs from as far as Shetland in the North to Grantown-on-Spey in the West down to Moreton Hall in Edinburgh made the journey to Aboyne for the area finals yesterday.

The winners who go forward to the national finals at St Andrews in late September were the team of Angela Joss and Hannah Bycroft from Alford with 39 points. A close second on 38 points were Alison Christie and Mary McGregor from Torphins with 38 points. Third were the team of Liz Clark and Chris Cowie from Peterculter with 37 points.

Jim McArthur, the R&A representative in overall charge of the day said "I want to add my own personal thanks for the kind welcome, great hospitality, and support and enthusiasm shown by Aboyne Golf Club and its members. It was a great event and the course was presented in terrific condition. On behalf of the R&A many thanks to the Club and congratulations to everyone that was involved in making the Coronation Foursomes a fantastic success enjoyed by all competitors."

Liz Taylor, Lady Captain at Aboyne said "It was a great honour and privilege for Aboyne to be hosting such a prestigious tournament attracting players from right across Scotland and putting money in to the local economy. We showed what a fine facility and great challenging course we have at Aboyne. Given the glowing feedback we have received from players and officials it has strengthened our standing at a national level and firmly put Aboyne on the map to hold future national golfing events."

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## Picture



Jim McArthur (R&A), Liz Taylor (Lady captain Aboyne), Janice Innes (Vice-captain Aboyne), Fraser Dunlop (Director of Golf Aboyne)

## Notes to Editors

The oldest club on Royal Deeside, Aboyne is an immaculately maintained, challenging golf course with spectacular views of the surrounding hills & countryside. 6000 yards of impeccable fairways and faultless greens - a golfer's haven. Aboyne embraces every golfer, from beginner to Scottish International.

Our welcoming, family friendly clubhouse allows you to soothe away your cares on our sunny balconies, where you may catch a glimpse of ospreys, otters or the swans on the Loch. Aboyne is the understated jewel in Aberdeenshire's golfing crown.

Our long-established course has won many plaudits as one of the most memorable tests of inland golf in Scotland. Designed by Archie Simpson and updated by renowned architect Martin Hawtree, such is Aboyne's unique terrain and growing reputation it has been selected in recent years by our governing body to host the Scottish Golf Women's County Finals and the Men's NE Open – the flagship event in the North East District calendar and a world amateur ranking event. We have also been honoured to be chosen by The R&A to host the LGU Coronation Foursomes Regional Finals in 2018.



Come and play our unique topography and enjoy one of the most varied and respected courses in 'The Home of Golf'.

Visitors are delighted with the contrast found between the front and back nine. The course presents a rich variety of memorable holes making the most of the natural variations in the terrain, which is a mix of rolling parkland with inviting fairways and elevated links-like heathland with tighter targets. Mature trees and water also come in to play on many holes.

Aboyne Loch is a notable feature lending character and scenic beauty to the course, as well as providing a hazard to be avoided on the last hole of the relatively flat parkland front nine. Thereafter, the course changes character to rugged heathland and climbs gently, providing magnificent panoramic views over the Aberdeenshire countryside.

Golfers are tested by one of the course's distinctive feature, which sees a few holes with undulating fairways formed around the historic geography of medieval farming. This adds a unique terrain challenge requiring more brains than brawn to play. Lying on free-draining soil, the course enjoys a surprisingly dry micro-climate.

Visitors, society outings and new members are most welcome with favourable rates and tee times to meet all golfing budgets.

Mens White Tees: 6,003 yards. Par 68. SS 69

Ladies Red Tees: 5,362 yards. Par 72. SS 71