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MEMORABLE YEAR CELEBRATED BY ABOYNE GOLF CLUB

Aboyne Golf Club held their Annual Prizegiving at the club recently bringing to a close a season hailed as memorable on a variety of fronts.

Club President Scott Mackie said "The Club has had an exceptionally busy and incredibly successful year across all the various playing sections. Our junior section made it all the way through to the finals of the Aberdeenshire Junior Pennant playing some great golf against exceptionally strong opposition. This was the first time in over twenty years that the club had reached the finals. Additionally, our two junior teams finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the inaugural ScottishGolf Junior Club Open competition held at Fortrose & Rosemarkie running alongside the professionals playing in the Scottish Open at nearby Castle Stuart. This was a phenomenal achievement and certainly helped put Aboyne Golf Club on the map."

Scott went on "Individually we have also seen our GB&I international Shannon McWilliam receive an invitation to play in the Dunhill Links competition with the professionals at St Andrews, Kingsbarns and Carnoustie. As this was not enough, this season Shannon went on to break the course record at Aboyne when she won the Ladies Championship."

Aboyne was also chosen from over 500 clubs in the country to host the finals of the ScottishGolf Women's County championships in June with four teams competing from Midlothian, Aberdeenshire, Dunbartonshire & Argyll and Dumfriesshire. Lady Captain Sandra Findlay said "the highlight of the whole year was the Women's County Finals and seeing the phenomenal talent on show. It was a real pleasure to watch and we congratulate Dumfriesshire on their hard fought victory".

It was an equally successful year in the Men's section with the club retaining the Deeside League for the third consecutive year. Club Captain Dan Broadhead said "we are delighted to retain the League after exceptionally stiff competition from the other club's in our area. Our men's section continues to grow with a new influx of players strengthen the team and regularly playing in our Wednesday and Saturday medal competitions. Competitive golf has been exceptionally well represented this season, likely due to the member's enjoyment of playing on their very own championship rivaling golf course week in week out."

The Mens Seniors section has also seen an increase in new members and a high number of participants taking part in the organised competitions. Dave Forsyth Senior Captain said "I think that this shows just how much each individual enjoys not just the competitive element but also the friendly supportive social nature of this section. The seniors also show their commitment to the Club as a whole by willingly being involved in helping out with open days and with the maintenance of the club in a variety of ways."

Scott Mackie said "across the Club we have seen a tremendous coming together to support our broad ranging activities. We were pleased to host the Rotary Club Charity golf day in aid of Ballater and Upper Deeside affected so dramatically by Storm Frank. In addition, we were thrilled to be run the ABF Soldiers Charity golf day recognising the significant contribution made by the Armed Forces in the recent past and their long association with the Royal Deeside area."

Scott added "whilst our main competitive season has now drawn to a close, we will be busy over the winter months running our Winter League as well as various social events. We already have some significant plans for the year ahead and Aboyne will certainly see another busy and hopefully successful season in 2017"

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PICTURE

Junior Section Winners



Ladies Section Winners



Mens Seniors Winners

