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Press Release

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ABOYNE TO HOST INAUGURAL 'ABF' CHARITY GOLF DAY

Aboyne Golf Club is gearing up to host the inaugural golf day for the British Army's National Charity 'The ABF - the Soldiers Charity' on Friday 30th September.

Speaking about the event, the organiser Catherine Robertson Ross MBE said "The ABF was founded in 1944. ABF is a charity that I very much admire due to the steadfast work and assistance they give to those ex-servicemen and women who have sacrificed so much in our Country's name. Some 50% of funds raised are donated to those who serve and have served our country and their families in need. The other 50% is gifted in grants to other charities, for example Poppy Scotland, Erskine, Scottish War Blinded, SSAFA, Combat Stress, and the Gurkha Welfare."

The competition at Aboyne on 30th September is open to players in teams of four playing a Texas Scramble format. The all-in cost is a mere £160 which includes bacon rolls on arrival; green fees; a two-course meal; and some phenomenal 'once in a lifetime' unique prizes.

Catherine went on to say "We are extremely grateful to Aboyne Golf Club for allowing us to use their fantastic venue and for their unbelievable support and generous donation towards this charity event. We are offering the chance to win a £20,000 car for a Hole-in-One at the 14th hole - what a prize worth winning! "

Amongst the unique silent auction prizes is a chance to win a VIP guest day out joining 'The Blades', one of the few privately owned acrobatic display team during one of their performances. Also on offer are VIP tickets to the 2017 Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which includes Dinner beforehand in the Officers Mess of Edinburgh Castle as well as a champagne reception at the end of the performance. There is also an opportunity to attend the Royal Gun Salute at Stirling Castle or Edinburgh Castle and other much sort after prizes.

Catherine added "I would like to thank our primary supporter Mark Watt of 'Safety Grip Solutions' for sponsoring the signature 16th hole at Aboyne on the day. Also McIntosh Plant Hire for offering to become a supporting sponsor as well as the many local businesses that have sponsored a hole. These include: John Troup Butcher Aboyne, John Knowles Jeweller Aboyne, Aimee Christina Hairdresser Aboyne, Kinker Shop, Kincardine O' Neil, Fisherman & Wife Gourdon, as well as J Gibson NDT. We are still keen to talk to other local businesses who would like to donate prizes or services".

Aboyne Golf Club President Scott Mackie said "We are delighted to host this very worthwhile event on behalf of the ABF. We recognise the significant contribution made by the Armed Forces in the recent past and their long association with the Royal Deeside area. It is our small way of showing our solidarity and gratitude to these brave people. We are only too pleased to support the fantastic fund raising efforts of Catherine. It promises to be a great day and we actively encourage lady and gent golfers from across the region to come along and join in the fun and enjoy our fantastic hospitality."

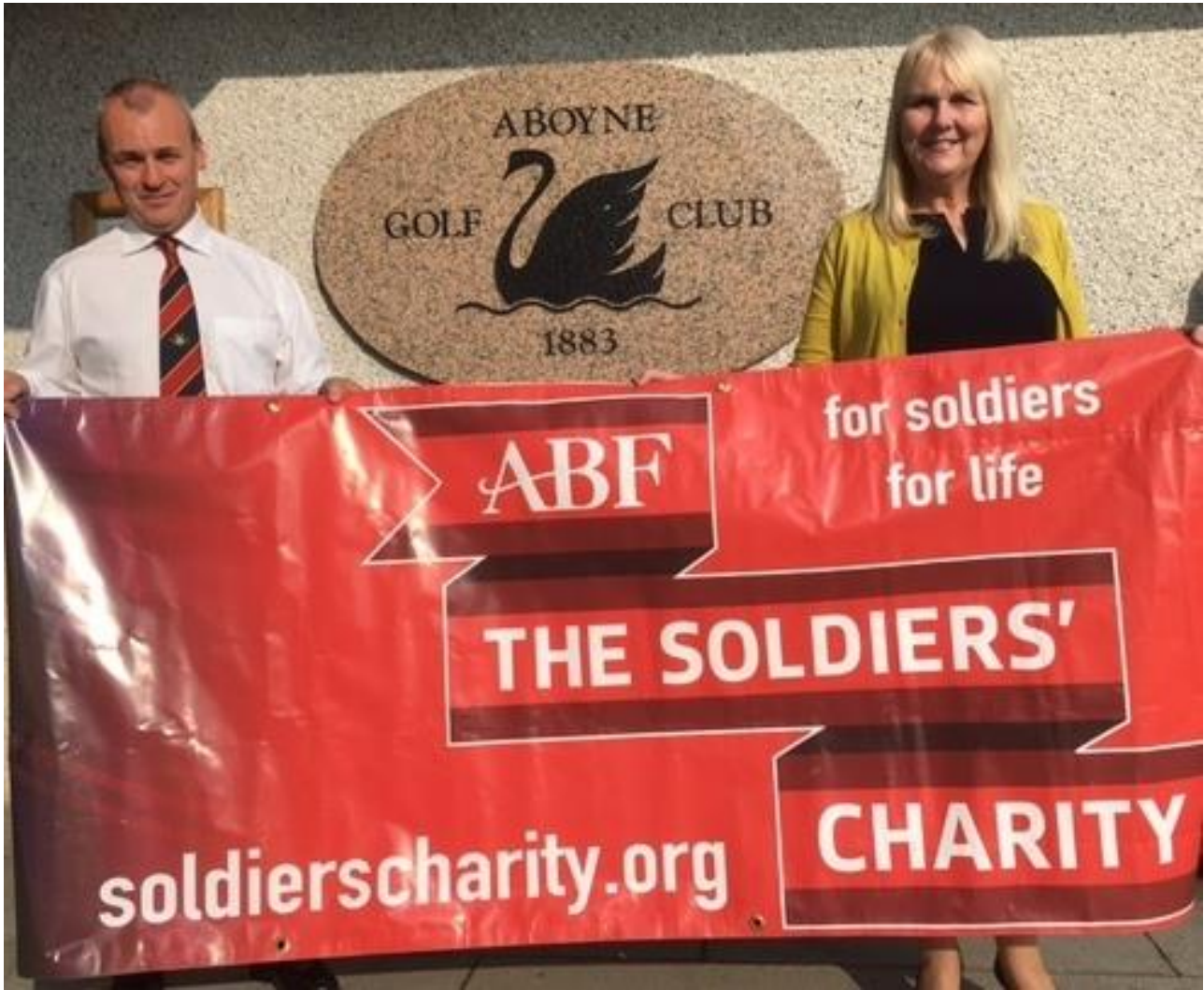
There are already over 26 teams entered for the competition. The last few team entries can be booked by contacting Catherine on 07879854927 or email cylross@aol.com

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Scott Mackie (President of Aboyne Golf Club) with organiser Catherine Robertson Ross MBE