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Press Release

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Aboyne to host prestigious R&A competition

Aboyne Golf Club is delighted to announce that we have been selected by the R&A and Ladies Golf Union based at St Andrews to host the Area Finals of the 2018 Peugeot Coronation Foursomes.

Established in 1953, the Coronation Foursomes is the leading event for women's club golfers in Great Britain & Ireland and is open to all members of affiliated golf clubs who hold a CONGU handicap.

Some 25,500 lady golfers entered the competition this year from almost 1,250 clubs. Following a series of local qualifiers, it is anticipated up to 100 pairs will descend on Aboyne, Royal Deeside from all over Scotland for the Area Final competition on 2nd August 2018. They will compete in 18 holes of Foursomes Stableford with the winning pair progressing through to the Grand Final at St Andrews in September 2018.

Sandra Findlay, Ladies Captain at Aboyne said "It is a great honour and privilege for Aboyne Golf Club to have been chosen by the R&A to host such a prestigious tournament. We have a growing reputation as a venue which can hold such national events offering a very varied and challenging course maintained in pristine condition by our hardworking greens staff. The award of this tournament is testimony to their dedication."

Sandra added "after the overwhelming success Aboyne had in hosting the Scottish Golf Women's County Finals in 2016, we are absolutely thrilled to be supporting the R&A governing body in staging this well-established high-profile event for the first time. We have a fantastic course and local area to showcase to our golfing visitors. We are already making plans for the tournament and will ensure our partners and stakeholders will similarly benefit from the economic injection in to the local community. 2018 promises to be another busy golfing season at Aboyne".

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Notes to Editors

Aboyne Gold Club Ladies Captain - Sandra Findlay



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Aboyne Golf started life as a nine-hole course on the village green as early as 1881. The current stretch of 6,033 yards was modernised and reconstructed some 100 years later and the present 18 holes was opened in August 1991. The course provides a fine test for golfers of all abilities and has a membership of just under 650 players and social members. It 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 are in 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 outward nine. Thereafter, the course changes character to rugged heathland terrain and climbs gently providing magnificent views of some lovely Aberdeenshire countryside. Another small loch lurks at the 15th and the closing holes test the skill of the most seasoned campaigner. The home hole is a long par 3 and provides a worthy finish to a challenging round of golf.

