



Aboyne Golf Club
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Press Release

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HISTORY MADE AT ABOYNE

History was made at Aboyne Golf Club yesterday after the course record was broken after a 24-year wait.

Playing in the second round of the Club Championships, Craig Stephen (+1 handicap), shot a 61 to topple the record set by Colin Forbes who in July 1994 had a 62.

Craig, a recent graduate from Brevard College in North Carolina, said "It felt like a normal round to start with, making 4 solid pars then birdied 5,6 and 7 and that got my attention. Further birdies at 9 and 10 really got me thinking about the record and once I hit the 11th fairway I said to my playing partner Brian that this is my best chance to do it. I birdied 14 and 16 to get to -7 and then made 2 solid pars to finish."

Craig went on "Shooting the course record at Aboyne has always been one of my goals and to finally do it I am very pleased. It was nice to get a little note from Colin last evening congratulating me too. The course is in fantastic condition and the greens are just sublime all down to Colin and his hardworking team of greenstaff."

Club President Justin Grant said "Aboyne has a long history of producing excellent young players through our junior section as epitomised by Craig. Through his hard work and dedication to his sport he has continued to progress, and it is clear the time he spent in the USA has paid dividends."

Justin added "Craig has been our Club Champion for the past five years, so it seems only right and proper that this longstanding record is broken by a player of his calibre. Everyone at the club is delighted for him."

Justin went on "Aboyne is due to host the Scottish Golf Men's North-East Open in August and we look forward to seeing if the record can be challenged again by Scotland's top amateur players."

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PHOTO



Craig Stephen

COMPETITION <i>Club Championship Rd 2</i>										Holes won which tee used.			
DATE <i>10/06/2018</i>		TIME		Handicap		Strokes Rec'd		PAR		SSS			
Player A <i>CRAIG STEPHEN</i>				<i>+1</i>				<i>68</i>		<i>69</i>			
Player B								<i>68</i>		<i>68</i>			
Hole	Marker's Score	Name	White Yards	Yellow Yards	Par	Stroke Index	Player's Score		Nett Score	W = + L = 0 P = -	Red Yards	Par	Stroke Index
1	Road		238	227	3	12	3				230	4	17
2	Dyke		385	376	4	6	4				353	4	3
3	Formaston		380	362	4	8	4				362	4	7
4	Teuchit		157	151	3	18	3				153	3	16
5	Plateau		392	382	4	2	3				314	4	5
6	Grants Lochie		360	345	4	14	3				319	4	11
7	Auld Line		482	470	5	4	4				448	5	9
8	Mortlich		164	154	3	16	3				139	3	13
9	Loch		391	380	4	10	3				377	4	1
OUT			2949	2847	34		30				2695	35	
PLEASE AVOID SLOW PLAY, REPLACE DIVOTS AND REPAIR PITCHMARKS													
10	Bonnyside		503	469	5	11	4				424	5	6
11	Valley		391	382	4	5	4				372	5	15
12	Lochnagar		175	165	3	15	3				148	3	8
13	Fernie Brae		413	379	4	1	4				313	4	4
14	Burn		179	172	3	13	2				154	3	10
15	Ladywell		376	352	4	7	4				339	4	2
16	Darach Mor		436	414	4	3	3				395	5	14
17	Queens Hill		351	342	4	17	4				307	4	12
18	Hame		230	222	3	9	3				215	4	18
IN			3054	2897	34		31				2667	37	
OUT			2949	2847	34		30				2695	35	
TOTAL			6003	5744	68		61				5362	72	
STABLEFORD POINTS OR PAR RESULT							HANDICAP <i>+1</i>		Holes won				
							NETT <i>62</i>		Holes lost				
									Result				

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 features, 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