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INAUGURAL 'ABF' CHARITY GOLF DAY DECLARED A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

The inaugural golf day for the British Army's National Charity 'The ABF - the Soldiers Charity' held at Aboyne Golf Club last week was hailed a resounding success by the organisers after a full field of players raised a significant sum of money for the charity.

Organiser Catherine Robertson Ross MBE said "The ABF is a charity that I very much admire due to the unwavering support and assistance they give to those ex-servicemen and women who have sacrificed so much in our Country's name. Funds raised from the day will be donated to those who serve and have served our country and their families in need. In addition grants will be gifted to other charities including Poppy Scotland, Erskine, Scottish War Blinded, SSAFA, Combat Stress, and the Gurkha Welfare."

The competition at Aboyne attracted teams playing a Texas Scramble format with the winners coming from the 3 Rifles battalion based down in Edinburgh who had travelled up to Royal Deeside especially for the competition. They are pictured receiving their trophy from Gurkha Officer, Menbahadur Gurung.

Catherine went on to say "The competition was played in great spirit and a fun time was had by all who took part. According to the players the course was in a superb condition and lived up to its reputation and billing. We are extremely grateful to Aboyne Golf Club for allowing us to use their fantastic venue and for their unbelievable donation towards this charity event."

The winning team each won weekend breaks in property generously donated by Finzean Estate, Lower Dess Estate, Cairngorm Lodges, and The Marcliffe Hotel. Other prizes included a VIP trip to Lochnagar Distillery and overnight stay at the Tor-Na-Coille hotel as well as a gliding trip at Aboyne.

Amongst the unique silent auction prizes raising money for the charities was a day out joining 'The Blades', one of the few privately owned acrobatic display teams, VIP tickets to the 2017 Edinburgh Military Tattoo, and a day sailing on the Royal Racing Yacht Bloodhound.

Catherine added "We have received incredible support from a range of companies' right across Royal Deeside whose generosity has been very humbling. I would like to thank our supporting sponsor, McIntosh Plant Hire, Station Garage Torphins, and CEVA Freight Ltd as well as the local businesses who sponsored a hole, John Troup, Aimee Christina, Kinker Shop, John Knowles Jewellers, Skipper & Wife as well as Mark Watt Safety Grip Solutions. A special thank you too for Charlie Stewart, Royale Photographic, for gifting his time. Events like this just go to show the close bond and affection people have in the area towards the military and the high regard in which they are held".

Aboyne Golf Club President Scott Mackie said "We were thrilled to be asked 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. The day was 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 and we look forward to welcoming her and the ABF back to Aboyne next year."

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PICTURE



The winning team 3 Rifles from Edinburgh receives their quaich from Gurkha Officer, Menbahadur Gurung