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## Press Release

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### **'ClubGolf' Camps declared an overwhelming success**

Aboyne Golf Club declared their two Easter 'ClubGolf' camps resounding successes after being over-subscribed during the school holidays with twenty-five young golfers graduating after their coaching course. Running concurrent to 'The Masters' tournament at Augusta USA - the young golfers were put through their paces by Aboyne resident PGA professional Fraser Dunlop and his teaching assistant Dominic Bradburn.

Aboyne Junior Convenor Scott Mackie said "the children have had a great time developing their skills following three days of expert coaching on all aspects of the game by Fraser Dunlop. The course was all about having fun and learning about the game through exciting and varied activities."

Fraser said "The group ranged from beginners with no previous exposure to golf through to experienced junior players at the club looking to hone their skills. We saw considerable progress during the course with improved golfing knowledge, some great team bonding, and the building of new friendships all achieved through a range of fun-filled and highly competitive activities. All the youngsters showed good playing potential and I was delighted with their progress and happy to ignite their interest in our wonderful sport - who knows we may have a future 'Masters' Player amongst them!"

Scott added "It was great to see the juniors taking advantage of the first ClubGolf camp of the year. We will continue to promote 'ClubGolf' throughout the year at Aboyne and will be looking to get more juniors from the area starting up and enjoying their golf. We have really enjoyed working with Aberdeenshire Council's 'Active Schools' organisation these past few weeks allowing us in to primary schools to introduce the children to the sport. The club's coaching programme will also run during the Summer holidays together with dates in the diary for local primary schools to attend Aboyne Golf Club from more coaching."

Club President Justin Grant added "Aboyne has a long history of producing excellent young players who go on to represent the Club at the highest national and indeed international level. Our junior section continues to go from strength to strength through this excellent 'ClubGolf' initiative and we are grateful for the invaluable first-rate coaching our youngsters receive from our leading PGA Professional Fraser Dunlop. We want to continue to nurture this upcoming talent through our close ties with the local primary schools that feed in to Aboyne Academy. We warmly welcome any young players who want to come and join our junior section and play in our fun competitions on a Tuesday night after school."

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## **PHOTO**

### **Selection of Juniors attending the Aboyne 'ClubGolf' camp**



## **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 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 72