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Aboyne victory for Scottish Champion

Aboyne Golf Club is celebrating after successfully hosting the Scottish Golf North-East Men's' Open this weekend. Selected by the sport's governing body 'Scottish Golf' to stage the flagship district event, it was the first time the tournament had been held at Aboyne and attracted a strong field of elite players from across the region and further afield.

The 72-hole strokeplay competition started off with strong winds on Saturday morning and then players had to endure some heavy rain on Sunday before the weather eased.

Making his debut at Aboyne was the recently crowned Scottish Amateur Champion Euan McIntosh who proved too strong for the other contestants adding further silverware and prizemoney to his already impressive season. The victory is McIntosh's third win this month, straight on the back of winning the Scottish Men's Amateur Championship at Blairgowrie and last weekend's Leven Gold Medal.

Euan, who travelled up from Edinburgh for the tournament, had a -9 four round total of 263 winning by 2 shots over Kintore's Mark Thomson. Out in only 29 shots in his last round, Euan had the course record in his sights before bogeys at holes 10 and 11 ensured the record stayed intact.

The Turnhouse Golf Club player, who plays of a handicap of +4.4, said "Credit to Aboyne and their green staff for laying on a tremendous competition. The course was in unbelievable condition. It is a fantastic layout with wonderful scenery and a real pleasure to play. I am thrilled with the victory. The course really does exceed expectations."

President of Aboyne Justin Grant said "It was a great honour and privilege for Aboyne to be hosting such a prestigious tournament attracting the top amateur players in our region. We demonstrated what a great course we have at Aboyne which can prove a challenge for even the most elite of players. We are delighted with the glowing feedback we have received from the competitors and the representatives of Scottish Golf. It has further established Aboyne on the golfing map and demonstrated we can hold future national golfing events. We congratulate Euan and hope to welcome him back to Aboyne someday."

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Picture

Euan McIntosh



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 feature, 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.

Men's White Tees: 6,003 yards. Par 68. SS 69

Ladies Red Tees: 5,362 yards. Par 72. SS 71