



Aboyne Golf Club
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ABOYNE LADIES CROWNED COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Aboyne Golf Club is celebrating after its leading team of lady golfers retained their crown as County Champions at Newmachar yesterday.

Competing for the coveted Aberdeenshire Ladies County Golf Association (ALCGA) 'Watt Duffus' Cup, the team from Aboyne endured stiff competition on the Hawkshill course before securing the trophy.

Having hosted the competition in 2017, the Aboyne team comprising Kimberley Beveridge, Shannon McWilliam, Maryla Sime and Carmen Griffiths overcame the blustery conditions to take the cup back to Aboyne having secured the best 3 out of 4 scores qualifying for the final result.

Kimberley, a golf graduate from Tyler Junior College in Texas said "The course was in good condition; however, the windy conditions were very challenging. It was fantastic for the team to retain the trophy for the second consecutive year".

Kimberley (Handicap -0.5) achieved a very credible score of 76 given the conditions. Meanwhile, Shannon (Handicap -3.8) - the only Scottish lady selected for the upcoming Curtis Cup match versus the USA - scored 78. The final qualifying player from Aboyne - and the current ALCGA Champion - Carmen Griffiths (Handicap 2.1) aged 14 also scored 78 to round off the victory.

Lady Captain at Aboyne Liz Taylor said "We are absolutely thrilled to retain the Watt Duffus Cup which is the most sought-after team trophy in the County. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful team of gifted young ladies who through their own hard work and dedication to their sport mean they are used to playing at the highest competitive level. They came up trumps again! We hope to use their fantastic success to further develop our lady golfers and particularly attract more young girls to take up the sport at Aboyne under our resident PGA Professional Fraser Dunlop."

Club President Justin Grant said "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. We are hopeful that this success will encourage many other ladies in the area to try out the game of golf."

Justin added "What was encouraging to see is that most of this team are either current or former pupils at Aboyne Academy and through our close association with the Academy and its feeder primary schools we hope to get young girls interested in the sport. This crop of players are fantastic role models for our next generation of players to emulate. We are very proud of this team and their individual and collective success."

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From Left to Right:

Ann Smart (Captain ALCGA), Maryla Sime, Shannon McWilliam, Kimberley Beveridge, Carmen Griffiths, Ros Dunsmuir (President ALCGA).

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