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## Press Release

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### **SCOTTISH CHAMPION FOR ABOYNE**

Aboyne Golf Club is celebrating after one of its young rising stars was crowned 'Scottish Golf Junior Tour Champion' down in Edinburgh last weekend.

The Club's 13-year old prodigy Carmen Griffiths, a pupil at Aboyne Academy, won the Under 14 Scottish Girls tournament at Turnhouse after two sparkling rounds.

Playing in challenging windy conditions Carmen had a first round of 80 to put herself in to the top 3 places.

Carmen said "I knew I had shots to make up on Sunday, so took advantage of my birdie chances, had an eagle on the 10th which put me -1 and then just tried to focus on making par after that. The course was really challenging and there were a lot of good players in the field so to win this national tournament by 4 shots was a great feeling. I am so grateful to everyone who has encouraged me to take up the sport and supported me along the way. This victory sets me up well for the rest of the season."

Club President and Junior Convenor at Aboyne Golf Club Scott Mackie said "We are absolutely thrilled Carmen has won this national tournament and it is rightful recognition of all her abundant talent and dedication to her sport. It has been fantastic to watch her progress in recent years through Aboyne Golf Club junior section and follow in the footsteps of so many talented young players this Club has produced."

Sandra Findlay, Lady Captain at Aboyne said "We are delighted for Carmen and her parents who have dedicated so much time and effort to support their daughter. Carmen no doubt has a fantastic career ahead of her in the game if she continues in this rich vein of form. We continue to try to nurture young female talent at the Club and would encourage any girls to take up the sport through the 'Active Schools' programme at primary schools. By coincidence, May is 'National Golf Month' so we also welcome any ladies to our Club to try out the game and see how much fun it can be whilst exercising and improving your health. We all have to start somewhere so why not at Aboyne where our Professional offers some excellent coaching and you could end up as good as Carmen!"

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## **Notes to Editors**

Details of accompanying photo(s) to be added here.



**Carmen Griffiths**

Aboyne Golf started life as a nine-hole course on the village green as early as 1881. The current stretch of 6,033 yards was modernised and reconstructed some 100 years later and the present 18 holes was opened in August 1991. The course provides a fine test for golfers of all abilities and has a membership of just under 700 players. It 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 are in 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 outward lush tree-lined parkland nine. Thereafter, the course changes character to rugged heathland terrain and climbs gently providing magnificent views of some lovely Aberdeenshire countryside. Another small loch lurks at the 15th and the closing holes test the skill of the most seasoned campaigner. The home hole is a long par 3 and provides a worthy finish to a challenging round of golf.