



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Inaugural amateur championship hailed a success**

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Despite heavy rain and high winds the TaylorMade-adidas Amateur Championship in association with TGI Golf, Europe's leading buying group for golf professionals, was hailed a huge success.

The grand final, played at Dalmahoy Hotel, Edinburgh, and contested by 20 pro-am teams. Amateurs from across the UK qualified for the final through winning a medal at their club and finishing in the top 20 of a national leaderboard.

Qualifying amateurs were joined on Dalmahoy's East Course by their TGI Golf member pros as they battled it out to become the UK's top amateur, with prizes also going to the top pro-am team.

Stephen Hubbard from Bathgate Golf Club took the day's top honours as he was crowned TaylorMade-adidas Amateur Champion with a score of one-under.

The 29-year-old from Armadale, West Lothian, will now jet to TMaG's European headquarters in Germany where he'll experience life as a Tour professional. He'll be kitted out head to toe in adidas clothing, and be fully custom fit for a new set of TaylorMade clubs.

He said: "I cannot wait for my trip to Germany, I don't really know what to expect, but I've no doubt it'll be amazing. I really need a new set of clubs too, I've been using the same ones I've had for well over 10 years.

"It was tough out there, but I had a lot of help from my pro Stuart Callan."

The top TGI Golf pro on the day was Whitecraig's Alistair Forrow, who captured the team title with amateur Andrew Watt.

"It was a great day, a terrific event," said Forrow. "Andy was quite nervous, but played really well. We had a practice day about 10 days ago and he didn't play his best and I think he carried that into the championship, but he played really well, I don't think he realised how well he was playing."

The championship was contested over Dalmahoy's East Course, and each team received amateur championship adidas shirt, TaylorMade R9 stand bag

and TaylorMade TP umbrella before heading out – the latter was immediately put to good use as the weather closed in.

The TaylorMade-adidas Tour Truck was on show at the driving range giving competitors the chance to tour the truck and be custom fitted by TMaG staff, and trial the company's new equipment on the range.

Competitors were also able to help themselves to tees and the TP Red and TP Black Golf Balls at the first tee, prior to teeing off.

Eddie Reid, TGI Golf managing director, said: "Everyone involved in this competition is extremely excited about how the inaugural event has panned out. Amateurs from all over the country attempted to qualify and those who made it through to the final have had an amazing experience. The feedback from TGI Golf's own members has also been very good and we cannot wait to start working on next year's event."

Andrew Law, TMaG director of sales added: "Despite the weather it was a great day for amateurs and pros alike. We are grateful to Eddie Reid and the TGI members for allowing us to work with them on what will be an annual event open to all TGI members who simply buy into TaylorMade and adidas Golf. I am confident the event will become even bigger and better each year."

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