



**Young Scottish and international golfers are benefiting from the expertise  
Instructors at the state of the art St Andrews Links Golf Academy.**

13/07/07, St Andrews, Scotland - The latest success story for the PGA Golf Management team based at the Home of Golf comes in the shape of Ian Redford, who has won the Douglas Gillespie Scottish Under-16 boys' open strokeplay championship by two shots at Brunston Castle Golf Club, south Ayrshire.

Ian, who is 14-years-old, is a member of King James VI GC in Perth and plays off a handicap of three.

'It has been a real pleasure to teach Ian here at the academy,' said Steve North, director of instruction. 'He is a hard working and conscientious young man with a great future ahead of him.'

Ian is the son of the former Dundee United star of the same name, whose exploits include a UEFA Cup final appearance and a key role in two famous victories over mighty Barcelona.

'If young Ian can play golf as well as his father played football, then he can look forward to many more victories,' said Steve.

A few weeks ago another of Steve's pupils, Jason Edgeworth of the University of St Andrews, won the R&A Gold Medal on the Old Course, considered to be the strokeplay championship of the town.

The American is only the fifth man since 1890 to win the Gold Medal while representing the university golf club.

'Jason has been coached here for 18 months and it has been great to see his links expertise grow and blossom,' said Steve.

Fellow academy student Ross Dixon is the third young player to perform well recently, having tied first in the Boyd Quaich, the international event for university players which is held annually on the New Course and the Old Course.

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# St Andrews Links Golf Academy

## Notes to editors

St Andrews Links Trust is a charitable organisation responsible for the management and maintenance of the Links courses at St Andrews, including the famous Old Course, which will host the Open Championship in 2010. The Trust was established in 1974. It employs more than 200 permanent staff and seasonal workers during the high season. It manages a number of additional facilities including two clubhouses, a golf practice centre and three shops.

More than 200,000 rounds are played over six public courses, which feature two additional championship courses (the New and the Jubilee), two 18-hole courses (the Eden and the Strathtyrum) and a nine-hole course (the Balgove). The Castle Course is currently under construction on a site south-east of St Andrews.

PGA Golf Management is part of the commercial division of the PGA and offer management and marketing services to owners and developers of golf facilities. In addition to working with St Andrews Links Trust, it has clients and projects in Ireland, Spain, Crete, Cyprus and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Steve North is responsible for the delivery of world class coaching in the Home of Golf at St Andrews Links Golf Academy. He joined in October 2005 after four successful years as David Leadbetter's director of instruction at Saujana Golf and Country Club, one of Asia's top golf resorts. One of the youngest golf professionals to complete the rigorous David Leadbetter training programme, Steve went on to conduct golf clinics for some of the world's leading corporations all over Asia, also writing instructional articles for a number of publications.

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