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1 WINNER MACHRIHANISH DUNES

Much more than just a golf course, Machrihanish Dunes is a stunning development which, since opening in 2009, has wasted no time in becoming one of Scotland's leading golf destinations.

Nestled up against the Atlantic Ocean on the Mull of Kintyre, the stunning, championship-standard golf course - laid out by acclaimed Scottish golf course architect David McLay-Kidd - is complemented by a simply fabulous array of amenities and facilities.

Luxurious stone cottages, two lovingly restored award-winning historic hotels, a rejuvenating full-service spa, and five restaurants and pubs, as well as the course, combine to create 'The Village at Machrihanish Dunes' - a quintessentially 'Scottish', seaside golf experience of the very highest order.

The golf course itself extends to over 270 acres, but only seven of those were disturbed by McLay-Kidd when it came to routing the layout. Indeed, only the tees and greens needed to be formed new; the fairways were

simply the original terrain with the grass cut shorter.

This ties in neatly to the overall ethos of the development that "true links golf courses are not created, they are born of the land."

The overall quality of the facilities on offer at Machrihanish Dunes cannot be understated. Indeed, if you need any proof, you need only look at the number of awards it has won in recent years.

The Ugadale Hotel claimed the title of 'Hotel of the Year' at the 2012 Scottish Hotel Awards and The Ugadale Golf Cottages are a former winner of Golf Tourism Scotland's 'Small Hotel of the Year' award.

The Village at Machrihanish Dunes was also recently named the 'Resort of the Year' at the 2013 Golf Tourism Scotland awards - and now it has won our second 'Scotland's Best Experience' competition, much to the delight of David Southworth, the President and CEO of its parent company, Southworth Development.

"As the recognised home of golf, Scotland is

blessed with a long list of world-class courses, clubs and resorts", said Southworth. "So, for Machrihanish Dunes to be recognised by *bunkered* readers for offering Scotland's very best golf experience is a tremendous honour.

"I have to say, there were a few times during the creation of the Mach Dunes golf course and the restoration of the resort's two historic hotels when we honestly wondered whether a four-star resort could make a go of it in southern Kintyre. But the response has been overwhelming and we are very appreciative.

"Having a unique golf course that people genuinely enjoy playing is certainly a big part of this recognition and we're very proud of the work that our course maintenance staff does to make every visitor's experience such a memorable one.

"But it's equally rewarding to know that all the other things that make for a great golf break are also appreciated by the golfers who make the trek to magical Machrihanish Dunes.

"Day-in and day-out, we do our very best to make every guest feel welcome, not just by offering good value, good food, and

comfortable accommodation, but more importantly by offering them our heartfelt smiles.

"I can tell you that our team is all smiles at this

wonderful news, and we sincerely want to thank everyone who gave us their vote. Here's hoping we'll have the chance to offer a warm Mach Dunes welcome to many more *bunkered* readers in the new year to come."

For more information on playing golf at Machrihanish Dunes, log-on to machdunes.com or call 0800 151 3701. ■

58%

of voters identified the value for money offered by Machrihanish Dunes as one of the best parts of the overall experience it provides

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