

'Industry Gold' Recognised at Scottish Golf Tourism Awards

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The Scottish golf tourism industry's top achievers have been recognised at a dazzling awards ceremony held near Edinburgh. The annual event from leading industry organisation Golf Tourism Scotland is widely regarded as the 'Oscars of the golfing world'.

Hosted by Marriott Dalmahoy, this year a record 16 awards were handed out including, for the first time, The Gold Standard Award for outstanding work promoting Scottish golf tourism which was received by Allan Minto from Golf East Lothian.



GTS Chairman Lee Derrick with Young Industry Person Award winner, Kirsty Martin from The Village at Machrihanish Dunes

This year's Young Industry Person Award winner was Kirsty Martin from The Village at Machrihanish Dunes who really impressed the GTS awards interview panel with her enthusiasm and dedication to her job.

"The Gold Standard Awards continue to showcase the amazing products and services we have here in Scotland. The quality and diversity of our product has never been more important than on the eve of the next four years. Four years which will see Scotland host The Open three times, the Women's British Open and the Ryder Cup," noted GTS chairman Lee Derrick.

"This year's event was the first time we have changed the actual awards themselves and I was delighted to see the creativity on display from The Leith Silver Company, producer of the Life Time Achievement award and The Trophy Centre, producer of the rest of the awards."

The award recipients represent all areas of the golf tourism industry.

And the winners are.

Young Industry Person of the Year

Kirsty Martin, The Village at Machrihanish Dunes

Transport Operator of the Year

St Andrews Executive Travel



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Domestic Golf Tour Operator of the Year Award

Links Golf St Andrews

International Golf Tour Operator of the Year

GolfBreaks.com, England

Best B&B of the Year

Sandown House, Nairn

Best Small Hotel of the Year

Dunvegan Hotel, St Andrews

Best Large Hotel of the Year

Macdonald Rusacks Hotel, St Andrews

Best Resort of the Year

Old Course Hotel & Spa Resort

Secretariat of the Year

The team at St Andrews Links Trust

Caddiemaster of the Year

The team at North Berwick

Best Course of the Year (Green Fees UNDER £75)

Cruden Bay Golf Club

Best Course of the Year (Green Fees OVER £75)

Kingsbarns Golf Links

GTS Green Award

Fairmont St Andrews & Dundonald Links

Gold Standard Award Winner 2012

Allan Minto, East Lothian

Lifetime Achievement Award Winner 2012

Malcolm Campbell, author, St Andrews

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