



MACHRIHANISH DUNES WINS BEST HOTEL AND BEST CATERING AT ANNUAL SCOTTISH GOLF TOURISM AWARDS

20 November 2015, Argyll, Scotland -- The Village at Machrihanish Dunes, was honoured to win not one but two coveted Scottish Golf Tourism Awards at Friday night's 2015 Scottish Golf Tourism Awards held in St. Andrews. These annual awards are voted on by the public and are designed to celebrate the hardest working, most accommodating and friendliest clubs in the sport's home country. The awards are aimed at rewarding excellence in all aspects of golf tourism.

The Village at Machrihanish Dunes' first award of the night came when The Ugadale Hotel won "Best Hotel" (21-50 Rooms). According to SGT's website, this award recognizes "great golfing traditions, a good links course, a golf-friendly staff and superior hotel facilities." The Ugadale Hotel is known as one of the finest hotels in all of Scotland and has earned four-stars from the Scottish Tourism Board, as well as annually receiving TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence. In 2012, The Ugadale Hotel was honored by the Scottish Hotel Awards as Scotland's "Golf Hotel of the Year".

Machrihanish Dunes' second award of the evening was a biggie, winning "Best Catering" for its great selection of quality food at reasonable prices and warm service with a smile. Machrihanish Dunes offers its guests 5 different dining experiences to choose from, each with its own unique atmosphere and culinary style, ensuring something to suit any mood and palette.

"The team at Machrihanish Dunes continues to excel at providing a world-class hospitality experience for our guests," said David Southworth, President and CEO of Southworth Development. "Regardless of whether our guests are visiting for a meal, a round of golf or staying overnight, we strive to deliver the best possible service/experience. It is an honour to win these awards, particularly knowing it's our guests who have voted."

Machrihanish Dunes was also one of four finalists up for the "Best Customer Service" award. The accolade is a complement to the "Best Golf Experience" designation awarded to Machrihanish Dunes in 2013, just a year after the renovation and reopening of The Royal and Ugadale Hotels in 2012.

The 2015 awards saw more than 26,000 entries, with voting open to the public through the Bunkered Magazine website. The voting was launched at the 2015 Scottish Golf Show in March and was promoted with through Bunkered and Scottish Club Golfer Magazines, both online and via their print publications.

For more information or to book reservations, please visit www.machrihanishdunes.com.

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About The Village at Machrihanish Dunes

The Village at Machrihanish Dunes is an award winning, world-class seaside resort featuring a U.K. Top-100 links golf course (Top 25 in Scotland), four-star accommodations, five casual and fine dining options, a boutique spa, and host of resort amenities. The Ugadale Hotel & Cottages in Machrihanish offer 22 rooms and suites plus 8 luxurious two-bedroom cottages. The Royal Hotel, with 23 rooms all overlooking Campbeltown Harbour, is located in downtown Campbeltown, a mere 5 miles away. The resort is ideally suited for golfers; non-golf visitors; golf group visits; family reunions; corporate meetings, events, and



retreats; weddings and other social functions; and more. The course, the first 18-hole course in the U.K. to earn certification from the Golf Environmental Organization, is consistently ranked as one of the most ecologically-friendly courses in the world. Designed by David McLay-Kidd, it opened in 2009 on a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), the first course ever to be built on such a site and also the first to be built on the west coast of Scotland in over 100 years. The Village at Machrihanish Dunes is consistently ranked as one of the 'best golf experiences,' 'best resort,' and 'Top-100' links courses. For more information on The Village at Machrihanish Dunes or to book reservations, visit www.machrihanishdunes.com.

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[Southworth Development LLC](#), through its affiliated companies, is the primary owner, developer and manager of [Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club](#) and luxury accommodations in both Machrihanish and Campbeltown, Scotland.

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