Golf – brewing company backs Tartan Tour

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Pouring the new pale ale to celebrate the golf sponsorship

PGA Scotland is toasting its latest sponsorship after clinching a deal with the St Andrews Brewing Company.

The independent brewer is the new title sponsor of the remainder of the Order of Merit 36 hole series on this season's Tartan Tour.

A pale ale has been launched to mark the partnership and the first event on the series takes place at West Linton on August 14 and 15 when host club pro Gareth Wright is likely to be the man to beat.

The series will conclude with another 36-hole event at Deer Park at Livingston where Grantown-on-Spey's Gavin Hay will be hoping to repeat his recent Deer Park Masters victory.

Philip Mackey, the company's managing director, said: "As we are based in the centre of the town (St Andrews) only 703 yards from the Old Course, partnering with the PGA in Scotland made immediate sense."