The National Tournament in association with Scotts at the Letham Grange Resort also gives competitors the opportunity of enjoying the delights of the area...

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This year’s National Tournament in association with Scotts UK Professional gives a unique chance to play Letham Grange, one of the finest inland courses in Scotland, with a view to becoming BIGGA’s Champion golfer. At the same time, you can enjoy the delights of an area of the country many people will be visiting for the first time.

As the Tourist Board’s publicity blurb says - Whether your preference is for sand castles or real castles, it is likely that you will find plenty to keep you entertained in Angus and Dundee.

The region has a number of star attractions including Glamis Castle, Arbroath Abbey, Frigate Unicorn and Discovery Point, featuring the ship which took Captain Scott to Antarctica.

For those seeking outdoor activity, the area has a number of country parks featuring a variety of wildlife, as well as some of the most beautiful glens in Scotland. At the Montrose Basin Wildlife Centre you can take in the unparalleled view of Scotland’s prolific wildlife using quality telescopes. In Glen Isla local beauty spots include the spectacular “smoking waters” of the Reekie Linn waterfall. In Glen Clova the road peters out below the crags, but it’s just the beginning of a great day out for geologists, bird watchers, botanists and mountain bikers. The Whisky Road once used by smugglers can still be seen at Glen Lethnot, and the Retreat Folk Museum in Glen Esk offers a tantalising glimpse of bygone days.

There are also plenty of facilities to keep the kids occupied, including one of the biggest and best equipped leisure centres in Scotland at the Olympia in Dundee, Peter Pan’s “birthplace” in Kirriemuir and the Seafort Pleasureland in Arbroath.

At Shaw’s Dundee Sweet Factory you can see the sweets being made, and sample them afterwards too! Dundee’s eight miles of picturesque waterfront includes more than three miles of safe sandy beaches - at Broughty Ferry and Monifieth.

Shopping is still a pleasure in Dundee and Angus, with excellent high-street shopping in Dundee on offer as well as boutiques and craft shops in smaller places like Broughty Ferry, and craft and antique fairs held regularly in Arbroath, Forfar, Dundee and Edzell.

If you would like to know more about the non-golfing attractions of Carnoustie Country, call Angus & Dundee Tourist Board on 01241 872609 or Carnoustie Tourist Information Centre on 01241 832238 for a free brochure. But there is no better way to discover what’s on offer than to come and experience it for yourself.

The tournament itself will be the usual blend of great golf, superb apres-golf topped off by a prize table which would put that which belonged to game show legend “Sale of the Century” to shame.

The now traditional barbecue will occupy the Monday night with sizzling magic, to complement the sizzling sausages, from a visiting magician. The banquet night will have a Scottish flavour and entertainment supplied by after dinner speaker Emil Tacholek who, in addition to being a superb Scrabble score, has a fine reputation as an entertainer.

Anyone wishing to enter the National Tournament in association with Scotts UK Professional should complete one an entry form or contact Sarah Sowerby at BIGGA Headquarters on 01347 838581.