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The Island Golf Club hosts
Regional Qualifying for the British Open 2017

On 26 June, some of golf’s most exciting young talent will descend on The Island Golf Club in Donabate in their attempt to qualify for the British Open Championship to be held at Royal Birkdale in July.

The Island is one of 14 courses in nine countries across five continents hosting qualifying competitions that will eventually provide 44 of the players who will tee it up alongside the top players in the world at the 2017 Open.

This is the fifth successive year that The Island has hosted Regional Qualifying and is testament to the quality of the links and high regard in which the course is held internationally. The Island, which is one of the oldest golf courses in Ireland, regularly features among the top 10 courses in the country and is currently number 51 in Golf World Magazine’s UK and Ireland rankings.
This will be the final year for The Island to host Regional Qualifying but exciting times lie ahead for this classic links. The British Amateur Championship, which features 288 of the world’s top amateur golfers, will be hosted by Portmarnock and The Island in 2019 and the Irish Amateur Open will be hosted in 2022 and 2023.

The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Darragh Butler, said: “Fingal is a paradise for golfers and The Island is one of its jewels as has been shown by its inclusion on the British Open Regional Qualifying roster for the past five years and its selection as co-host of the British Amateur Open with Portmarnock in 2019. This will continue to enhance The Island’s reputation locally, nationally and internationally and attract golfers to the Donabate peninsula.”

The Island’s General Manager, John Lawler, said: “We have been delighted to host Regional Qualifying for the Open Championship and the R & A have been excellent to work with and extremely positive about the course and the Club in general. It provides great excitement around the Club to have such an important event here and we look forward to continued involvement in the hosting of such prestigious events.”

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PHOTO: The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Darragh Butler, pictured at the launch of the 2017 British Open Regional Qualifying event at The Island with the Club’s President David Evans and Captain Fergus Duddy.