



Top: Suzann Pettersen
 Above: Christina Kim
 Right: The Maguire twins.

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One of the strongest fields ever assembled for a professional golf event in Ireland will attract huge crowds to the **AIB Ladies Irish Open** at spectacular Killeen Castle in Dunsany, Co. Meath, from August 6th-8th. It is also a glorious opportunity for spectators to marvel at the venue for The 2011 Solheim Cup. There will be no fewer than seventeen Solheim Cup players in action. The American challenge will be spearheaded by the charismatic and extrovert Christina Kim, who made a huge impact at the last Solheim Cup in Chicago. Fellow team members Angela Stanford, Brittany Lang, Kristy McPherson and Brittany Lincicome will add firepower to the Stateside assault.

The scene is set for a great battle with a formidable European entry led by Suzann Pettersen, who won the event in 2008, Anna Nordqvist, Laura Davies, Catriona Matthew, reigning British Open champion Sophie Gustafson, past multiple winner of the Ladies Irish Open, Maria Hjorth and Helen Alfredsson, the 2007 Solheim Cup Captain.

Diana Luna will return to defend her title just a few months after giving birth to her first child Elena, while rising stars Gwladys Nocera, Tania Elosegui and Becky Brewerton will also harbour high expectations.

Team Ireland will be represented by tour players Hazel Kavanagh, Rebecca Coakley, US based Alison Walsh, Martina Gillen and Tara Delaney.

The participation of Ireland's three latest Curtis Cup players - Danielle McVeigh and the amazing Maguire twins, Leona and Lisa - will add an exciting dimension to the event.

There will also be great interest in the performance of 15-year-old American star Alexis Thomson, who turned professional after making her Curtis Cup debut in June.

For event details and spectator information visit www.aibladiesirishopen.ie



Great feast of golf for spectators at the
AIB LADIES IRISH OPEN
The countdown begins to The 2011 Solheim Cup at Killeen Castle