



## Doonbeg latest Irish course to claim tour operators' award

■ **DOONBEG** GC in West Clare has been selected as the European **Golf** Resort of the Year for its "exceptional contribution to the world of **golf** travel".

The award was made by the International Association of **Golf** Tour Operators (IAGTO), whose 300 operators vote for this annual award.

**Doonbeg's** sister property on Kiawah Island, in South Carolina, won the North American **Golf** Resort of the Year Award.

The awards were presented at the IAGTO dinner held in Malaga last week.

Previous winners include Turnberry (Scotland), Druids Glen

(Ireland), Praia D'El Rey (Portugal), Dona Filipa and San Lorenzo **Golf** Resort (Portugal) and Carton House (Ireland). The awards scheme was inaugurated by IAGTO in 2000.

IAGTO's 300-plus operators represent 49 countries.

Speaking of the award Joe Russell, general manager of **Doonbeg**, said that they were delighted to win such a prestigious award.

"We rely on the **Golf** Tour operators to provide us with a great deal of business and the award is acknowledgement that we are providing the kind of service that they and their clients require."



Receiving the European **Golf** Resort of the Year award for **Doonbeg Golf** Resort were Marie Collins, sales manager, and Joe Russell, general manager, **Doonbeg**.