



5 Star Lough Erne Golf Resort Celebrates First Birthday

Sunday 28th September, 2008: Lough Erne Golf Resort, situated in the Fermanagh Lakelands is celebrating a very successful first year in business this weekend. Over the past 12 months, Lough Erne had experienced many positive and progressive changes.

A reflection of the Resort's thriving first year is reflected in the increase in staff from 50 in 2007 to 150 today. The commitment and motivation of staff has been key to Lough Erne Golf Resort's success and plays a central role in delivering the owners vision of making Lough Erne Golf Resort a leading 5 star property across the world.



These are the 29 employees who have been here since day One. They received, The Ladies a large bunch of Flowers and the Boys, a bottle of Billecart-Salmon Champagne. The two Gentlemen in the middle are: Jim Treacy, our Owner on the left and Michael Treacy his brother and project manager on the right.

In recognition of the exceptional contribution the staff have made and continue to make each day, the resort owners, Jim and Eileen Treacy hosted an evening drinks and canapés reception for staff and their families.

With over thirty five years hospitality experience, Jonathan Stapleton, General Manager is using his experience to support and direct the Lough Erne Golf Resort team to achieve world class excellence.

Mr Stapleton said, "One of our key successes at Lough Erne Golf Resort has been the commitment and dedication of our staff. It is always encouraging to receive so many positive guest comments about the friendliness, professionalism and attention to detail by our staff. It is our policy at the resort to ensure all management and staff are mentored and trained to maintain 5 star hospitality standards across the board."



First Anniversary cake on the left is HR Manager Julie Hetherington, and on the right Megan Wills Conference and Events Coordinator (both have been with the resort since its opening)

"The owners and staff of Lough Erne Golf Resort are grateful for the support of the local community and beyond over the past year and we look forward to the planned business growth and expansion of the Lough Erne Golf Resort in the years to come," concluded Mr Stapleton.

Speaking about the first anniversary, Mr Stapleton noted, "Exciting times are ahead for Lough Erne Golf Resort. In 2009, we will open the Faldo Course and a Lakeview Halfway House. Among our plans includes the development of a 45 seat restaurant and Spike Bar in the adjoining clubhouse, additional fine dining space through a purpose built conservatory, all of which will provide a further jobs boost to the local job market and wider community.

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About Lough Erne Golf Resort

Lough Erne Golf Resort opened in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, in October 2007. It is set on a 600 acre private peninsula nestled in between Lower Lough Erne and Castle Hume Lough. The privately-owned hotel has 120 guestrooms including 25 two and three bedroom lakeside lodges which offer private, fully serviced accommodation. Lough Erne Golf Resort offers The Thai Spa, Catalina Restaurant for *à la carte* dining, The Blaney Bar, The Drawing Room and The Garden Hall for afternoon teas. It offers world class facilities for private meetings and events. In summer 2009 Lough Erne Golf Resort will have the use of two 18-hole championship golf courses with the opening of its Faldo Championship course. The Castle Hume Championship Golf Course is already open. Lough Erne Golf Resort is located just five minutes from Enniskillen (St Angelo) private airport. It is also easily accessible from Belfast International, Belfast City and City of Derry airports