



2009 Culinary Delights at the Five Star Lough Erne Golf Resort

January 15, 2009: Last year was an exciting year for Lough Erne Golf Resort, as it was awarded the much coveted AA five star international status as well, as achieving the Five star status within the Northern Ireland Tourist Board's voluntary hotel classification. This year is also set to be an exciting year for Lough Erne Golf Resort especially from a culinary perspective.

When you visit Lough Erne Golf Resort you experience Tastes of Lough Erne – the essence of natural freshness, where guests can choose from three dining options - Catalina Restaurant for à *la carte* dining, The Blaney Bar for The Grazing Menu and The Garden Hall for Traditional and Chocolate Afternoon Teas. 2009 will see the opening of two new food and beverage outlets, to include The Loughside Clubhouse and The Halfway House & Seafood Experience – two exciting developments from a culinary perspective.

Now firmly established at Lough Erne Golf Resort, Executive Head Chef Noel McMeel has introduced his own particular brand of modern Irish cooking to a new and discerning audience. Speaking about the year ahead, Mr McMeel said, "I first came to Lough Erne Golf Resort with a simple philosophy: sourcing, preparing and serving fresh food in season. My aim too is simple: to ensure my passion for food and my personality shine through in all I achieve, from finding the best local suppliers to inspiring my team of carefully selected chefs.

"I have taken all the traditional dishes prepared at Lough Erne Golf Resort, applied my passion for the best quality local produce, added a dose of creativity and more than just a dash of talent to create a new cookbook, Noel McMeel, A Chef for all Seasons 'The Essence of Natural Freshness' which will be launched in late 2009."

This February Noel McMeel and the Lough Erne Golf Resort team are travelling stateside with Tourism Ireland to promote the magic of the Fermanagh Lakelands. The event 'Fall in Love with Lough Erne' will formally launch Lough Erne Golf Resort to the North American market alongside Tourism Ireland.

There are four exciting Winemakers dinners confirmed for this year. The first of which, takes place on 25th March in association with Shafer Vineyards in Napa Valley. The event will be hosted by Doug Shafer, President of Shafer Vineyards, Jonathan Stapleton, Resort General Manager and Noel McMeel. A special menu has been created to accompany the selected wines.

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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 Luxury Lakeside Lodges which offer private, fully serviced accommodation. Lough Erne Golf Resort offers The Thai Spa, The Catalina Restaurant for *à la carte* dining, The Blaney Bar and The Grazing Menu 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 The 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