



OLD TOM MORRIS VISITS LOUGH ERNE

December 2009: The ghost of legendary golfer “Old Tom Morris,” The ‘Grand Old Man of Golf’ emerged from the grave recently and made a rather spooky visit to the newly-opened Championship Faldo Course at Lough Erne Golf Resort.

The four time Open Champion who was born and bred in St Andrews and died at the ripe old age of 86 in 1908 was mightily impressed with the work of fellow major winner Sir Nick Faldo. Most notably, Old Tom Morris was astonished at the close resemblance of The Faldo Course to many of the famous “links courses” he played a part in designing including Carnoustie, and Royal County Down.

This is the first time Old Tom has surfaced from his resting place at the Home of Golf in Scotland to inspect a modern championship layout and he walked the entire course as he did in his hey day armed with a feather ball and hickory shafted clubs he was famed for making. Following his ethereal round he was full of praise for the course and said:

“How the modern game has changed in just over 100 years. A great test of golf has been created by Sir Nick Faldo here at Lough Erne and the condition of the course is truly amazing. I should also imagine that there might be a slight change in design fees in 2009 as I charged £1 per day plus expenses for design work back in my day”.

Old Tom was also stunned that The Faldo Course had managed to remain open in spite of the recent deluge of rain which forced many courses to close. The Sand Capped fairways and USGA Spec Greens allow for Tournament Standard All Year round playing conditions and continued usage of Golf Carts. At the Winter rate Green Fee this is sure to prove a real treat for both local and visiting Golfers.

Lough Erne Golf Resort

Lough Erne opened in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, in October 2007. It is set on a 600 acre peninsula nestled in between Lower Lough Erne and Castle Hume Lough. The privately-owned hotel has 120 guestrooms including 25 two and three bedroom Loughside Lodges which offer private, fully serviced accommodation. The Resort features The Thai Spa, a variety of innovative dining options including The Catalina Restaurant for elegant dining overlooking the Lough, The Blaney Bar for The Grazing Menu and exclusive Irish Whiskey Collection; The Loughside Clubhouse, Bar & Grill for Casual All Day Dining & Prime Irish Meats from The Grill; The Halfway House & Seafood Experience, For Fresh Local Seafood on Lower Lough Erne (open April 2010) and The Garden Hall for Traditional, Chocolate, Pink and Cygnet Afternoon Tea. The Resort has 2 Championship Golf Courses, including The Faldo Course, The Ultimate Golf Destination (opened July 1st 2009). 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, City of Derry airports and Dublin Airport.

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