

GREENSIDE COMMENT

New Institute formed

A group of leading golf course managers representing a number of Europe's most prestigious golf courses have announced the formation of a professional association to be called the Institute of European Golf Course Managers. The Trustees of the Institute say the aims of the association will not be counter to the objectives of the existing Greenkeepers Association, but the Institute will endeavour to work and liaise with all the official golf bodies in a joint effort to improve standards throughout the golf course industry.

Membership in the initial stages will be granted on application through a selection committee procedure and will be awarded to those with proven ability currently controlling golf courses in Europe.

Members of the new Institute that have a high level of experience will be eligible for election of Fellows and be entitled to use the initials - F. Inst. EGCM.

The annual subscription to the Institute of European Golf Course Managers has been set at £100, which includes certification, a badge and a copy of the Institute's official publication.

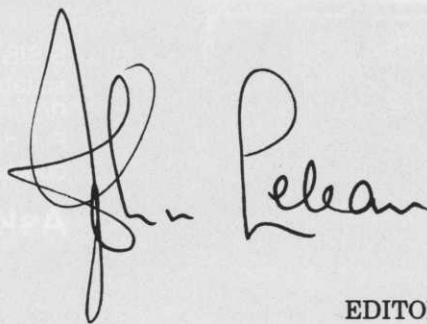
The publishers of this magazine are pleased to announce that The Golf Course has been invited to represent the Institute's interests.

Although many of the course managers on the Continent already enjoy a similar status to their colleagues in North America, those in Britain, despite their undoubted skills, recognised throughout the world as leading authorities on course management, have not achieved similar recognition in this country.

The formation of the Institute of Golf Course Managers will be able to ensure that the highest standards are maintained and play an active part in the future development of leading head greenkeepers and golf course managers. Since the announcement by David Jones, Course Manager at St. Pierre, of the formation of the Institute, there has been a high level of response from leading managers and owners of the most prestigious golf complexes throughout Europe.

Many companies involved in supplying the golf industry have already made contact with the Trustees welcoming the initiative and offering assistance towards the formation of the Institute, which they believe is necessary to project the highly professional standards required in Europe.

For further details of the Institute of European Golf Course Managers contact David Jones at St. Pierre Golf Country Club, Chepstow, Gwent. (0291 625261).



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