

Lewis leaves Portland CC to start company

FALMOUTH, Maine — **Pat Lewis**, superintendent for eight years at Portland Country Club (CC) here, has left to form a consulting firm and undertake other business opportunities.

Lewis, who was succeeded by long-time assistant **J.B. Christie**, has joined brother Peter in creating Lewis Brothers

Lawn & Turf Consulting Services, located at 170 U.S. Route 1, Suite 200, Falmouth.

Peter, a superintendent for 14 years at Country Club of Farmington (Conn.), came to Maine as superintendent at Westerly Winds in Westbrook a year ago. He will remain there.

Lewis Brothers will specialize

in soil samples, consult with homeowners, lay out turf fertility programs, calibrate spreaders and other duties — “basically teaching the homeowner,” Pat said.

Pat will also remain affiliated in some way as an agronomic consultant with Portland CC.

Christie, who holds a degree in communications and has stud-

ied turfgrass management at University of Massachusetts' Stockbridge School in the winter, has worked at the Portland CC for 10 summers. Eight years ago he was

promoted to second assistant, and six years ago took over as first assistant.

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ORONO, Maine — **Blayr**



Crowley has left Penobscot Valley Country Club here to join Sawtelle Brothers, a supplier to the golf course industry. Crowley

will be the Sawtelle representative in Vermont.

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QUANTICO, Md. — Billy Casper Golf Management, Inc. (BCGM) has named **Charles T. Sheridan** superintendent here at Green Hill Yacht & Country Club. BCGM was selected in December to provide complete turnkey management services to Green Hill. Sheridan is the former assistant golf course superintendent at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, where he participated in the regrassing of the course and an extensive irrigation upgrade in preparation for the 1995 U.S. Open. Sheridan also held the position of links superintendent at Waterville Golf Links in County Kerry, Ireland.

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VERO BEACH, Fla. — **Michael Rowe** has been named superintendent here at Sandridge Golf Club, a club managed by Lakeland, Florida-based International Golf Management, Inc. (IGM).

Rowe is responsible for complete maintenance of Sandridge's two 18-hole courses — the 7,000-yard Dunes and the 6,300-yard Lakes. He supervises a staff of 23 and reports directly to Jim Wells, IGM's central Florida regional manager.

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“Guests are not allowed at the budget meetings,” Rutan said.

Assistants or course officials can be guests, except during the budget meeting.

One member reads the entire “creed” at the beginning of each and every meeting (retired superintendents are members, as well). The block of votes goes entirely with the Midwest GCSA.

The Verdure Newsletter comes out monthly, announcing future meetings. It also includes a unique section on “news around town”. No meeting is held in February because of the national conference. Dues are \$55.

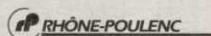
“We are, and have always been, a close-knit group, basing our existence on education, by sharing occupational secrets, by discussing ideas privately as superintendents,” Albaugh said.

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