The Legends Group hires Buchen to head up eight golf courses

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Terry Buchen, a Golf Course News contributing editor and one of only nine Master Greenkeepers in the world, is the new director of agronomy for The Legends Group, headquartered in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Buchen will be based here and direct maintenance operations at The Legends Group’s six courses in Myrtle Beach and two courses opening here this summer. Stonehouse is expected to open June 30 and Royal New Kent in July, Buchen said.

Owned by Larry Young and his son Danny, The Legends Group has hired John Marshall of Virginia as superintendent at Royal New Kent and Jerry Flowers from Myrtle Beach as Stonehouse superintendent. A certified golf course superintendent, Buchen received his Master Greenkeeper certification from the British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association in 1994. A former PGA Tour agronomist, he has been superintendent the last six years at Double Eagle Club in Galena, Ohio, recently named second-best conditioned course in the country behind Augusta National.

Buchen writes the monthly Savvy Super column as well as occasional On the Green and Shop Talk columns in Golf Course News. A U.S. Golf Association Green Section Committee member from 1977-84 and since 1992, he serves on the Massser International Turfgrass Foundation’s Publicity Committee, Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses’ Membership Committee and Golf Course Superintendents Association of America’s Research Committee.

WHERE THEY'RE GOING

Palm Desert, Calif. — Randy Damon has been named superintendent for the private Bighorn Golf Club here. In addition to supervising the maintenance of the existing Arthur Hills-designed championship course, Damon oversaw construction of Bighorn’s new 18-hole facility. Damon brings more than 10 years of experience in golf course management, including stints at The Vintage Club in Indian Wells and Pebble Beach in Monterrey, Calif. In Bangkok, Thailand, he developed a golf course for Hills. Along with supervising golf courses from the planning stages to end product, he has also been involved with tournament preparation for the AT&T Pebble Beach Invitational and the Vintage Arco Senior Invitational.

Damon holds an associate science degree in turfgrass management from College of the Desert.

Charleston, S.C. — Scott Ferguson, a 32-year-old Charleston native, has been named superintendent at Wild Dunes Resort. Ferguson has spent the past eight years as superintendent at Crowfield Plantation in North Charleston, which recently played host to the South Carolina PGA Chapter Championship.

Spring Valley, Colo. — Brett Lockard is growing in Ute Creek, a new 18-hole golf course here. Lockard had been the assistant superintendent at Purgatory Golf Course in Fort Collins.

Statesville, N.C. — Al Lassiter has been named head superintendent here at the semi-private Buffalo Shoals National Golf Club, a Gene Bates design now under construction. Lassiter, who has served as superintendent at Raleigh, Sandy Ridge and Beechwood country clubs, anticipates a late-fall opening.

Carbondale, Colo. — Daryl Dinkel has accepted the head superintendent’s position at Jay Morrish-designed River Ranch Golf Club here.

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