Zeglin succeeds Clarkson, who moves to Raven GC

Phoenix, Ariz. — Bob Clarkson has been named superintendent here at the Raven Golf Club at South Mountain, a facility managed by Scottsdale-based Raven Golf. Clarkson was replaced as superintendent of the Raven Golf Club at Sabino Springs in Tucson by former assistant superintendent Bill Zeglin.

Clarkson had overseen the construction and opening of the golf course of the Sabino Springs course in early 1995. He was involved in the construction of the Valley Course and the renovation of the famed Stadium Course at the TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra, Fla.

Prior to joining the Raven in August 1995, Zeglin was an assistant superintendent at the TPC at Las Colinas in Irving, Texas.

Aurora, Colo. — The city’s Golf Division has named Joe McCleary head superintendent of the new Saddle Rock Golf Course. A nine-year veteran of the Golf Division, he oversaw construction of the new course last year. He is a 1987 Kansas State University graduate in horticulture.

Scottsdale, Ariz. — SLV Golf Properties has appointed Ron Proch head superintendent of the new MountainBrook Golf Club in Gold Canyon. A native of Waterbury, Conn., Proch was head superintendent for Karsten Golf Course at Arizona State University in Tempe and at The Pointe Hilton Golf Club on South Mountain.

Ravis opens consultant firm

By Mark Leslie

Wintthrop, Maine — Chuck Ravis, past president of the Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association and superintendent for 19 years at nearby Augusta Country Club, has formed an agronomic consulting firm.

A certified golf course superintendent and certified Maine Guide, Ravis intends to work with golf courses and homeowners in agronomic matters. In the winter he plans to offer guide services through his company Maine Wilderness Adventures.

“Whenever I’ve wanted to do for awhile,” Ravis said of his Country Club Lawns business. “I’m excited about the possibility of doing turf consulting, putting the knowledge I’ve gained over the years to use for other people... I’ve had a lot of positive feedback from people.”

Ravis will target northern New England, where there are “a lot of smaller courses that don’t have high budgets and could be looking for a way to get top-notch information at a reasonable price,” he said. “I could help practically any course out there.”

Each consulting visit, he said, will give clients useful information that will lead to a better understanding of their golf course, increase the efficiency of their maintenance operation, and provide opportunities to save money or better use their resources.

Before joining Augusta CC, Ravis was an assistant superintendent at Oak Hill CC in Rochester, N.Y., from 1975-1978. He holds a bachelor’s degree in agronomy, specializing in turfgrass management, from Pennsylvania State University. He is a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America’s Career Development Committee.

His office is located at Route 2, Box 7000, Wintthrop, ME 04364; telephone 207-395-4717.

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