Leishman gets Stewart Creek post at Three Sisters

CANMORE, Alberta, Canada — Western Golf Properties, Inc. has selected Ronald Leishman as the golf course superintendent at Stewart Creek Golf Course, a track that will open next May at Three Sisters Resorts here.

Scottsdale, Ariz.-based Western Golf Properties manages this 18-hole, Gary Browning-designed course.

Leishman is a graduate from the University of Guelph. He hails from Edmonton Country Club, where he was superintendent for three years. He spent the previous 20 years at 45-hole Royal Montreal Golf Club in Blizard, Quebec. He has hosted several major Canadian Golf Championships.

In 1980, he received the Citation of Performance Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

SPANISH SPRINGS, Nev. — Timothy Schobert has been named superintendent at Red Hawk Golf Club’s Springs and Hills courses, designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. and Hale Irwin, respectively.

Schobert has been Class A superintendent for Snowcreek Resort and Golf Course in Mammoth Lakes, Calif., for the past seven years. A daily-fee course, Red Hawk has been working with Audubon International toward becoming the first Nevada course to achieve Signature Sanctuary status.

"Red Hawk is both a challenge and an opportunity," Schobert said. "The challenge is to maintain its high-quality turf and greens in the harsh desert environment and the opportunity is working in a world-class master-planned golf community featuring some of the world’s best golf courses."

After earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration from UCLA, Schobert was hired in 1980 as assistant superintendent at Sunset Whitney Country Club in Rocklin, Calif. In 1984 he moved to Nevada County Country Club in Grass Valley, Calif. From 1989 to the present he was a turf consultant for B.N.T. Management.

NAPLES, Fla. — Cypress Woods Golf and Country Club, which will open in October, has hired Augustin Lucio as its golf course superintendent.

Lucio has been involved in golf course construction and maintenance as an assistant and head superintendent since 1983. He has worked at Grey Oaks and Naples National Golf Club.

A Rosedale, Miss., native, he is pursuing an associate degree in business at Edison Community College.

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Western Golf Properties has selected Michael Twito as the superintendent for Estrella Mountain Ranch Golf Club, which is expected to open here in January.

The club features an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus II-designed course, clubhouse and practice range.

Twito comes from Westin Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage, Calif., where he served as superintendent from 1995.

Twito has been in the maintenance business since 1986, after graduating with distinction from Iowa State University with a degree in horticulture, specializing in turfgrass management.

Elsewhere:

- Scott Slemp is the new superintendent at Pinetree Country Club (CC) in Kennesaw, Ga. His replacement at Centennial Golf Club in Acworth is former assistant Bob Glutting.

- Bacon Park Golf Course in Savannah, Ga., has hired Rob Whitney as superintendent. Whitney left Fort Stewart Golf Course.

- Hampton Kicklighter has been hired as superintendent at Oyster Reef in Hilton Head Island, S.C. He left Cross Creek Golf Club in Smyrna, Ga.

- Hidden Hollow Golf Club, an executive course in Flowery Branch, Ga., has hired Doug Witt as superintendent.

- Former assistant Tim Rutledge has succeeded Bob Perry as superintendent at Griffin (Ga.) Country Club. Perry moved to Hickory Ridge Golf Club.

- Barnsley Gardens and Inn in Georgia, which is scheduled to open next spring, has hired Kyle Marshall as superintendent. Stacy Jones has replaced Marshall as superintendent at White Columns in Alpharetta, Ga.

- Ashley Brownell has left an assistantship at Big Canoe to become superintendent at Spring Lakes Golf Club, formerly Wesley Hills Golf Club, in Georgia.

- Southland Golf Club in Stone Mountain, Ga., has hired Charles Sherman as superintendent.

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