

# IGM fills superintendent posts at four facilities

LAKELAND, Fla. — International Golf Maintenance, Inc. (IGM) has filled key superintendent positions for several of its maintained facilities:

**Van Mitchell** has been hired as superintendent of Highland Lakes, an upscale golf course retirement community in Palm Harbor. Mitchell oversees day-

to-day operations and maintenance of the course which supports more than 100,000 rounds of golf a year.

Mitchell has worked previously with IGM in the golf industry supervising the grow-in phase of Lexington Oaks Golf Course in Wesley Chapel and as an assistant superintendent at

Dunedin Country Club in Dunedin.

**Fred Gehrisch** has been moved to a new role as superintendent at Highlands Falls Golf Course, golf residential community located in Highlands, N.C. Gehrisch was the IGM superintendent at Newnan (Ga.) Country Club. A 15-year veteran of

the industry, he holds a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Ohio State University and is working on an MBA at Keller Graduate School in Alpharetta, Ga.

**Jim Vogel** has been hired as superintendent of Mill Pond Golf Course, a new public course on Long Island, N.Y.

A 14-year veteran of the golf industry, Vogel previously worked as superintendent at Ledo Golf Course in Long Island, where he oversaw a million-dollar renovation of the course. He is a graduate of Rutgers University Turf Program.

**Blake Watson** has been hired as superintendent of Warner Springs Ranch, a semi-private golf resort located in the Laguna Mountains in Southern California.

Watson is responsible for overseeing operations of the 18-hole course which encompasses four lakes. Watson has 15 years of experience and most recently worked as an assistant superintendent at a course in Vista Valley, Calif.

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## Canada GSA's President Affleck

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on the island, Affleck said.

Stanhope opened 30 years ago and was designed by Clinton Robinson. About the same time, Robinson also designed Mill River and Brudenell, two of the province's better-known courses.

The open, links-style course sits lightly along PEI's north shore. It has no fairway irrigation, depending largely on summer rains for moisture, Affleck said. The only trees are located along the 3rd, 4th and 5th holes.

There is considerable mounding around the bunkers. The greens are undulating and often clover-shaped. Disease pressure is limited, so Affleck puts few chemicals on his course other than a fall fungicide application.

Mild winters have allowed Affleck to open his course on April 24 the past two years.

Constant communication with members and fellow employees has been the key to Affleck's longevity at Stanhope, he said. He has had the same club president the past 20 years and the same general manager for the past 12.

Affleck is an avid golfer, playing two to three times a week. He also encourages his staff to play, both at Stanhope and other nearby courses. He has lost only two staff members over the past eight years.

The club is very much a part of Affleck's life. The members granted Affleck and his family a membership. He often takes one of his children out on the course with him during his nightly inspections.

Stanhope has 500 members and welcomes numerous visitors during the busy summer months of July and August. Last year the course did 34,000 rounds in six months.

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