MAINTENANCE

Chapman follows the sun to South Africa

LOST CITY, South Africa — Having spent the past two years supervising construction and grow-in of Tierra del Sol in Aruba, Dutch Caribbean, **Keith Chapman** has taken a position overseeing the two golf courses at Sun City Resort in the Lost City.

A certified golf course superintenent, Chapman is in charge of The Lost City Golf Course and Gary Player Country Club at the Lost City — both part of the resort. The courses host the annual Million Dollar Challenge, and a major renovation of the older course is imminent.

FOUNTAIN HILLS, Ariz. — Course WHERE IH superintendent

Ron Ruppert has been cited as an integral member since construction began at SunRidge Canyon Golf Club here. The course opened Nov. 18 and has already received recognition for its challenging design and



breathtaking canyon setting. His expertise and experience have brought the design out of the ground and guided SunRidge

Canyon from a vision to reality, said Tom Patrick, vice president of golf operations for Sun Cor Resort & Golf Management. Patrick explained, "It is Ron's vast experience and attention to detail, both during the development process and as the course continues to mature, that add to the golfer's enjoyment of playing SunRidge Canyon."

Prior to joining SunRidge Canyon, Ruppert was associated with Las Campanas in Santa Fe, N.M., and Desert Mountain in Scottsdale.

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Todd Norton has been named superintendent at the new Kierland Golf Club, a 27-hole, daily-fee Marriott Golf course expected to open in January. Norton's most recent position was at TPC at Scottsdale and he has prepared for six Phoenix Open Tournaments.

ORLANDO, Fla. — Grand Cypress Resort has promoted **Sean Duffy** to the position of senior superintendent. Duffy is in charge of the North, South and East nines, the Grand Cypress Academy of Golf, the putting course and the pitch-n-putt course.

Having started as a spray technician on the East course in 1993, he was named assistant superintendent of the East Course in 1994, and, most recently, was superintendent of the New course.

Tommy Alex remains director of maintenance of the entire resort.

WICHITA, Kan. — Flint Hills National Golf Club here has named **Paul Jonas** superintendent. Jonas had been at Crestview Country Club.

ST. MARYS, Kan. — Kurt Erb, former assistant superintendent at Manhattan Country Club, is the new superintendent at St. Marys Public Golf Course here.

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ELLINWOOD, Kan. — Tom Auerbach has assumed the position of superintendent at Grove Park Golf Course here.

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TOPEKA, Kan. — Topeka Public Golf Course has hired a new golf course superintendent — Allan Hayes. Hayes was with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in Lawrence.

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ANDOVER, Kan. — Paul Naudet has left Terradyne Resort Hotel Golf Course here and joined Clear Creek Golf Course in Shelbyville as superintendent. Naudet has been succeeded by Wes Turner.

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WICHITA, Kan. — Pete Frandsen has succeeded Mike Jornan as golf course manager for the city of Wichita.

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MANHATTAN, Kan. — Mark McKain is leaving Custer Hill Golf Course in Fort Riley and joining Stagg Hill Golf Club here as superintendent.

NH PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

The New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association (NHGCSA) presented four \$500 scholarships during its winter turf conference. Recipients were Scott Bower, Michael Gonnert, David Smith and Sam Woodger.

The NHGCSA also donated \$5,400 toward research in 1995, supporting Stan Swier's study on the use of pyrethoids and new formulations of Dursban to control ants on putting greens, and Dr. Anna-Marie Pennucci's research on turf variety trials at Amherst Country Club.

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