

IGM names Witt to Palm-Aire CC maintenance post

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — **Jim Witt** has been named director of grounds maintenance for International Golf Management at Palm-Aire Country Club. Formerly the superintendent at Avila Country Club in Tampa, Fla., Witt brings two decades of golf industry experience to Palm-Aire.

A graduate of Lake City Junior College, he apprenticed as an assistant superintendent at Carrolwood Village Golf and

Country Club in Tampa before accepting a superintendent's job with Professional Golf Management in Naples. For seven years he was involved with construction of courses at Foxfire Country Club (CC), Countryside CC, Tara CC and Kelly Green CC on Florida's Gulf Coast. Between 1990 and 1995 he worked at Tampa's Avila Country Club.

••• 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 oversees 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

Monterey, 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.



WHERE THEY'RE GOING

••• 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 Ptarmigan 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.

••• LA PLACE, La. — **Jerry Anderson** is the new superintendent here at ClubCorp-managed Belle Terre Country Club. Anderson arrived via Live Oak Country Club in Rockport, Texas, where he maintained all aspects of the club's golf course operations.

••• DENVER — **Brett Armstrong**, formerly of Greenwich (Conn.) Country Club, has taken the head superintendent's position here at Green Gables Country Club.

PGA GOLF CLUB HONORED

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — The PGA Golf Club at The Reserve here has been selected as a 1996 Best of Golf Award winner for its preservation of natural resources and in wildlife conservation. The award was presented by Audubon International (AI) and Links Magazine during the U.S. Open in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. The Reserve's two 18-hole golf courses place golfers among buffers of wildlife sanctuary, 80 acres of water and other preserve areas covering 430 acres. "Through their [PGA Golf Club's] involvement, golf is being recognized as a truly important component of our national efforts to improve the quality of life and the environment," said AI President Ron Dodson.



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