

Conner succeeds Maples at Georgia's Summit Chase CC

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — **Craig Conner**, who began his career at Summit Chase Country Club here and returned as an assistant superintendent 2-1/2 years ago, has succeeded **Palmer Maples Jr.**, who retired in June. Conner worked at Summit Chase as a college student in 1986 while attending Georgia

State University as an English major. He graduated in 1988 and joined the Summit Chase staff full-time until taking an assistant's post at Monroe (Ga.) Golf and Country Club. He holds a two-year degree in environmental horticulture from Gwinnett



Technical Institute. ANGELS CAMP, Calif. — Vowing to balance the course with its natural surroundings in "complete respect for the environment," **Scott Bower** has taken the superintendent post at Greenhorn

Creek Golf Course here.

Bower was assistant superintendent at Twelve Bridges Golf Club in Lincoln which hosts an annual LPGA event, and at 27-hole Amherst Country Club. He holds a certificate in turfgrass management from Michigan State University.



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NEWCASTLE, Wash. — **Phil Niederbremer** has been named superintendent at The Golf Club at Newcastle, an upscale, 36-hole public-access facility under construction in this Seattle suburb.

Before joining Newcastle, Niederbremer was on the executive management team and served as director of golf course operations at Loomis Trail Golf Club in Blaine.

A 1989 graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in horticulture with a turfgrass concentration, his golf industry experience dates to 1980. He has held positions as foreman for the course architect at Fox Acres Country Club in Colorado, supervisor of landscaping at Fox Acres, and assistant superintendent at a public course in Kansas.

The first 18 holes at The Golf Club at Newcastle, designed by Bob Cupp, are expected to open next spring.

BEALLSVILLE, Md. — **Ray M. Viera**, former first assistant superintendent at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, has been named superintendent at Four Streams National Golf Club here, the first signature golf course design of Nick Price. The upscale, public-access, 18-hole course is scheduled to open in spring 1998.

An assistant at Shinnecock Hills for five years, Viera participated in regrassing the course and an extensive irrigation upgrade in preparation for the 1995 U.S. Open. Most recently, he oversaw grow-in of the new Somerset Golf Club in Fredricksburg, Va.

He also served as superintendent for the 36-hole Palm Aire Spa and Resort in Pompano Beach, Fla., and held agronomic positions at Fox Hill Golf and Country Club and Westchester Country Club, both in New York.

JACKSON, Ga. — **Tommy Bowman**, formerly at Thomaston Country Club, is the new superintendent at Hickory Hills Golf Club here.

Also in Georgia:

- **Doug Webb** has left The Moors Golf Club in Milton, Fla., to take the superintendent position at Grand Island Club.

- **Chris Paire** is the new superintendent at Bradshaw Farms in Woodstock, which has been bought by American Golf Corp.

- Hickory Ridge Golf Club in Thomaston has hired **Shannon Marion** as head superintendent.

- **Gerald Cox** is the new superintendent at Horseleg Creek Country Club.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Mountain View Golf Club here has hired **Shannon Crabb** as the head superintendent. Crabb had been assistant superintendent at Green Island in Georgia.