

MOVING ON

Granger, others tackle new challenges

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — Palm-Aire Country Club has named Fred Granger director of golf course maintenance. With 94 holes of golf (five courses plus a four-hole practice loop),



Fred Granger

Palm-Aire is the second-largest golf operation in one location in Florida.

From 1993 until Granger recently joined the Palm-Aire team, he was director of golf course maintenance at Turnberry Isle in Miami. A certified golf course superintendent, Granger holds degrees in ornamental horticulture and in business management.

For the first decade of his career, Granger was superintendent at the private Laguna Hills Golf Club in Southern California. From there he spent four years in Vero Beach, working on the two courses at Grand Harbor with golf course architects Pete Dye and Joe Lee.

LA QUINTA, Calif.—PGA West has appointed **Eric von Hofen** as golf superintendent, responsible for the Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf private courses.

In January von Hofen oversaw preparation and supervision of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, which took place on the Arnold Palmer Private Course. He helped open the new Greg Norman Course in December.

Prior to his appointment, von Hofen was the golf course and grounds manager at the Naples (Fla.) National Golf Club. He has also been superintendent to PGA National Golf Club in Palm Beach, Doral Golf Resort & Spa in Miami, and John's Island Club in Vero Beach.

A graduate of Ohio State University's Agricultural Technical Institute, von Hofen is a Class A member of both the South Florida Golf Course Superintendent Association and the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America.

CALABASAS, Calif. — **Eric Bescoby** has been appointed to the new position of director of golf maintenance for Environmental Golf.

Bescoby will manage the business unit dedicated to maintenance at the firm's contracted courses and will begin efforts to increase the overall golf maintenance business.

Prior to joining Environmental Golf, Bescoby was associated with Rain Bird Sprinkler Manufacturing Corp. for 11 years. As

director of the Golf Division for Rain Bird, he was responsible for the engineering, marketing, sales and manufacturing of golf course irrigation products for worldwide distribution.

Bescoby is a graduate of the University of California-Davis and Arizona State University.

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The Club at Jones Creek has hired **Tony M. Brown** as superintendent.

A superintendent with more than 16 years experience, Brown holds a bachelor of science degree in horticulture and turfgrass from Clemson University. He has earned the designation of Certified Golf Course Superintendent

from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and has served on that organization's National Publications Committee in addition to being active in state and local industry organizations.

A native of North August, S.C., Brown and his wife and their two children have relocated to Augusta from Clemmons, N.C., where he was the superintendent at Salem Glen Country Club.

FOUNTAIN HILLS, Ariz.—Communities Southwest has hired **Mark Burchfield** as golf course superintendent at Augusta Ranch Golf Club in east Mesa.

Burchfield was educated at Riverside Community College as well as the Mundus Institute, School of Golf Course Management. He comes from Shalimar Country Club in Tempe, where he served

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as superintendent. Prior to his stint at Shalimar, Burchfield worked at, and served as a member of the construction staff at The Raven Golf Club in Phoenix.

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HILLSBOROUGH, N.J. — **Trent J. Inman** has joined the new Royce Brook Golf Club as the head superintendent. Inman

will supervise the overall maintenance and conditioning programs for the golf courses, including overseeing the grow-in phase of the fescue on the West Course and native wild grasses on the East Course, as they continue to mature following their opening last May.

A Purdue University graduate, Inman was the assistant golf course and property manager at Caves Valley Golf Club

in Owings, Md.

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BLOUNT COUNTY, Ala. — **Mark Langner** has been hired by Limestone Springs, Ltd., to be superintendent at the community's new 18-hole golf course designed by former U.S. Open champion Jerry Pate.

Langner holds a degree in agronomy, with specialization in turfgrass management, from Mississippi State University.

Prior to accepting the position at Limestone Springs, he was head superintendent for the east course at Birmingham Country Club.

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CONWAY, S.C.—Western Golf Properties, Inc., has promoted **Scott Scamehorn** to superintendent for Wild Wing Plantation here.

For the past two years, Scamehorn has been the super-

intendent at Lost Key Golf Club in Perdido Key, Fla. Prior to that, he was the assistant superintendent at Falcon's Fire Golf Club in Kissimmee, Fla. Both clubs are managed by Western Golf Properties, Inc.

He is a golf course operations graduate from Lake City College in Florida.

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LA QUINTA, Calif. — **Marc Sundeen**, Rancho La Quinta's assistant golf course superintendent for 18 months, has assumed the head post for the community's Turf Maintenance Department.

A graduate of Penn State's Turfgrass Management Program, Sundeen has nearly 10 years of experience, including managerial roles at Pebble Beach and The Vintage Club. He also holds degrees in psychology and art history from the University of Minnesota.

Cook offering short courses

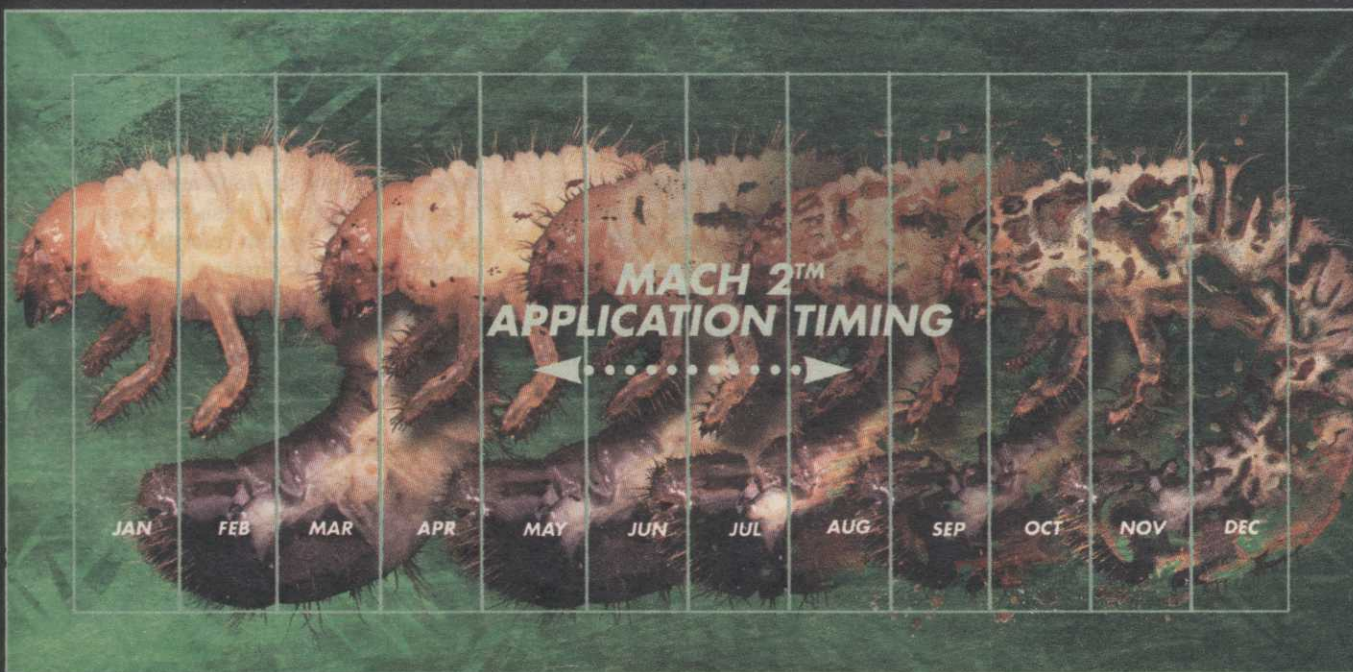
NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Cook College's Office of Continuing Professional Education is offering short courses to help people enhance their knowledge and business opportunities in the green industry.

The "Advanced Topics in Professional Grounds Maintenance" series will offer "Turf Diseases," scheduled for Feb. 10, and "Managing Turf and Landscape Weeds," scheduled for March 17-18. Both classes will meet from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Cook/Douglass Campus here.

The "Advanced Topics in Professional Groups Maintenance: Turf Diseases" short course will help refine diagnostic skills. This one-day program explores disease management issues in landscape turf, while introducing advanced concepts in turfgrass pathology. Topics will include troubleshooting problems in landscape turf; the impact of the turf microclimate on disease; fungal classification and identification; fungicide selection and use; biological control issues; and turf diseases that may have been missed.

The "Advanced Topics in Professional Grounds Maintenance: Managing Turf and Landscape Weeds" short course will help landscape professionals learn to manage common and difficult weeds in the tri-state area. Many costly and unsightly weed problems can be avoided — or at least minimized — with a little planning and knowledge. Participants will develop their own weed-control program, which will address specific weed problems they routinely encounter.

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