Stottern, Suny and others in super ranks move on to new posts

MESQUITE, Nev. — Riley Stottern has been named superintendent at The Players Club, the Cal Olson design now under construction here. Stottern, who came to the new projects from Shadow Creek Golf Club in Las Vegas, served on the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America board of directors from 1981 to 1988, and was president in 1986. He is a member of the U.S. Golf Association Green Section Committee.

Arman Suny, former superintendent at Castle Pines Golf Club in Castle Rock, Colo., has succeeded Stottern at Shadow Creek. Suny has been an agronomic consultant the past few years.

NEWPORT COAST, Calif. — Donald Hoos has been named superintendent at Pelican Hill Golf Club, an upscale daily-fee resort club featuring two Tom Fazio-designed courses owned by The Irvine Co. and operated by Western Golf Properties, Inc. Hoos was superintendent at Ironwood Country Club in Palm Desert, and before that worked as director of agronomy for Landmark Land and Management Co. in La Quinta, responsible for 26 golf courses. He also formerly was director of the Western Region for the U.S. Golf Association Green Section.

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. — Bob Drake has been named superintendent at The River course at Kiawah Island, a Tom Fazio design that is the first private golf course to be built at the 10,000-acre residential resort island near Charleston.

Drake, 39 and a native of Elwood, Ind., came to Kiawah from south Florida, where he has worked as a sales representative for a liquid fertilizer manufacturer and supplier for the last two years. Prior to that, he spent more than three years as superintendent at Weston Hills Country Club in Fort Lauderdale, one of three courses Drake has grown in since beginning his career as a superintendent in 1982 at Boca-Delray Country Club in Delray Beach, Fla.

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — Palm-Aire Country Club has welcomed Ray Viera as director of golf course maintenance for its five courses. Viera has 19 years experience. He is a former assistant superintendent at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y., and helped prepare that track for the 1995 U.S. Open.

BRANSTON, Mo. — Jim Pyle, formerly of Grove Park Golf Club in Great Bend, Kan., has been named superintendent at Ledgestone Country Club here.

HUTCHINSON, KAN. — Former Fort Scott Country Club superintendent Bill Townsend has assumed that post at Willowbrook here. He was succeeded at Fort Scott by Mike Page.

DACULA, Ga. — Former Atlanta Athletic Club head superintendent Mike Crawford, has taken the reins at Hamilton Mill Golf Club here.

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — David Kingsland has been named head golf course superintendent at Wicked Stick Golf Club in Rome to take the position of superintendent at Marietta Country Club here.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Queen’s Harbour Corp., the Club Corp. International affiliate which owns and operates The Royal Golf Course at Queen’s Harbour Yacht & Country Club, has named James Lehman golf course superintendent. Lehman previously served as head superintendent at Haile Plantation in Gainesville.

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — Brookfield Golf and Country Club here has hired Ricky Campbell as head superintendent. He is replaced at Atlanta International Golf and Country Club by Gary Gilliland, formerly of Gold Kist.

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