Davies leaves Merced for regional CourseCo post

SAN FRANCISCO — Ray Davies, former president of the Southern California Golf Course Superintendents Association and a Golf Course News editorial adviser, is leaving Merced (Call) Golf and Country Club to join CourseCo Inc. as regional superintendent.

Davies will be in charge of CourseCo's coastal Northern California territory which now includes Crystal Springs Golf Course here and Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino. He begins his new job in late September.

LAKELAND, Fla.—Jeff Heggen has been promoted to superintendent of Rolling Hills Golf Club here by International Golf Management, Inc.

In his new position, Heggen is responsible for complete maintenance at the semi-private 18-hole Rolling Hills course. Immediately before his promotion, Heggen served two months as assistant superintendent at Rolling Hills. He came to IGM from St. Marlo Country Club in Duluth, Ga., where he served as first assistant superintendent. Prior to that, he was assistant superintendent at Hilaman Park in Tallahassee.

Heggen earned his associate of science degree in golf course operations at Lake City Community College in 1992.

FEORIA, Ill.—With WeaverRidge Golf Club scheduled to open for the 1997 golf season, Geoff Kemp of Normal was named superintendent, and is working as course construction progresses.

Kemp has been the superintendent at Crestwine Country Club in Bloomington since 1992. He has cared for several Peoria-area courses including Pekin Country Club, Pontiac Elks Country Club and Mt. Hawley Country Club in Peoria.

"I'm happy to be staying in central Illinois, and excited about becoming a part of the development of what will become the region's top public golf course," Kemp said. "WeaverRidge Golf Club will be a challenging, well-built golf course that golfers from throughout the state will want to play."

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J.—Builder/developer Max Garvitz & Son, Inc. has named Richard T. Broome golf course superintendent at Harbor Pines Golf Club & Estates here. Currently under construction, the 18-hole championship public course, designed by Stephen Kay, is scheduled to open this summer.

"When you look at Harbor Pines, you'll see a real difference — large, undulating greens, bold, well-lined bunkers, and spacious tee areas — that will challenge golfers of all levels," said Broome. "We're maintaining Harbor Pines like a private club with a manicured, Augusta National-style quality. Our golfers will be excited when they see the results."

A certified golf course superintendent, Broome has more than 20 years experience in course operations. He served as superintendent of the Little Mill Country Club in Marlton, N.J., where he maintained a private, 27-hole championship course.

A graduate of Rutgers University's Turf Management Program, Broome also studied business management at Burlington County College. He holds continuing education credits in turf management and golf course renovation, restoration and construction.

VALPARAISO, Ill.—Thomas Tully of Aurora has been hired as superintendent at The Course at Aberdeen, which is under construction and scheduled to open in 1997.

Tully spent the last four years as the assistant superintendent at Stonebridge Country Club in Aurora. His responsibilities while at Stonebridge included preparing the golf course for the PGA Senior Tour's Ameritech Senior Open, which was played there from 1993-95.

"The responsibility of growing and opening a new golf course is a very exciting proposition," Tully said. "Everyone involved with The Course at Aberdeen is committed to providing public-course golfers with top-quality playing conditions on a premier design."

Prior to coming to the Midwest, Tully spent eight years working on the Tournament Players Clubs at Sawgrass and Eagle Trace in Florida. He helped prepared the TPC at Eagle Trace for the PGA Tour's Honda Classic from 1984 to 1990.

WICHITA, Kan.—Donald Harrison has left Clapp Golf Course here to take over as superintendent at Pawnee Prairie Golf Course, also in Wichita.