Laura Baugh, who won the women's U.S. Amateur title in 1971 at the age of 16, has joined the Wilson Sporting Goods Advisory Staff as well as Golf Magazine's panel of instruction editors.

Michael W. Abrams has been appointed territory manager of Dunlop Tire and Rubber Corp. Abrams will be responsible for the sales and marketing in eastern North Carolina.

Jerry Bransford has been named western turf sales manager for Rain Bird Sprinkler Mfg. Corp., Glendora, Calif. Bransford has been with Rain Bird since 1970 as a district manager and has had 16 years of prior experience in the irrigation field.

Rick Hardin has been added to the sales organization of Richard E. Hardin & Sons, Needham, Mass. Hardin & Sons is the New England representative for Wigwam Mills, Inc., of Sheboygan, Wis., makers of sport socks and knit headwear. Rick Hardin will service accounts in eastern Massachusetts and Maine.

Tom Wentz and Fran Berdine are the new ProTurf technical representatives who will be working with Mid-Atlantic golf course superintendents. Wentz replaces Don Ord in western New York. Berdine replaces Jim Rosco in northern New Jersey.

A.D. DeGidio has been appointed vice president-general manager for Toro Pacific. DeGidio will be in charge of three Toro-owned distribution facilities in California: at San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego and the irrigation branches of Santa Ana and Riverside, Calif. DeGidio currently is vice president general manager for Toro's Turf Products Division and will carry the dual responsibilities until a replacement is found.

Hobart C. Porter, extension urban soils specialist at Virginia Tech, has retired, after 38 years of active service to his native state of Virginia.

Frederick B. Leedeboer will head the Department of Agronomy and Research of Loft's Pedigreed Seed, Inc., Bound Brook, N.J. Dr. Leedeboer becomes a vice president responsible for proprietary turfgrass and research development activities.

Thomas Christy Jr. has been appointed vice president marketing for the Pipe & Plastics Group of Certain tee'd Products, Corp. Christy joined the Pipe & Plastics Group in 1972 as general marketing manager.

Robert L. Piller has been appointed district sales manager for Cushman Motor's golf and turf vehicles and Ryan turf equipment. He will be responsible for the area including Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming, Nevada and western Canada.