

# Swinging around Golf

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Bill Downing, asst. to Lew Worsham on Lew's winter job at Coral Ridge CC, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., succeeds Paul Erath as pro at Fox Chapel CC (Pittsburgh dist.) . . . Erath now is pro-supt. at Laurel Valley GC, Ligonier, Pa., which is due to be put into play this summer . . . Dick Wilson designed the course . . . Arnold Palmer will register from Laurel Valley.

Bob Keller, formerly asst. at Pittsburgh Field Club, now pro at Sunnehanna CC, Johnstown, Pa., succeeding Eddie Thompson . . . Russell W. Kerns, for past seven years, supt at Green Hill Yacht & CC, Salisbury, Md., new supt., Miami Shores (Fla.) CC.

Detroit GC dinner, April 18, for its pro, Horton Smith, was the club's celebration of Horton's election to the PGA Hall of Fame . . . There was a Who's Who of golf notables and Detroit's business, society and civic leaders attending a banquet that exhibited the talent of Horton's pal, the club's noted manager, Bob Thompson . . . Bob and Mary Jones and Harold and Mary Sargent flew up from Atlanta . . . USGA Pres. John Ames came from Chicago as did Horton's brother, Ren and his wife . . . Neil Crose, mgr. and pro at Mill Creek Park GC, Youngstown, O., attended with Mrs. Crose.

When pro at Springfield, Mo., Neil gave Horton his first job in golf . . . Joe Belfore, Al Watrous, Detroit's mayor, Louis C. Miriana, and others also talked earn-



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estly and affectionately about Horton and his golfing career . . . James B. Wagstaff, Detroit GC pres., presided and kept the party moving swiftly and merrily.

Paul Rivard, pro at Glencoe (Ill.) GC now has Jim Michaels as teaching pro . . . Club is municipal operation in swanky Chicago North Shore suburb and is establishing caddie service for first year . . . Prospero (Army) Gianvito is new pro at Mohawk CC, Tiffin, O. . . Mrs. Gianvito (Edith) is managing the clubhouse.

Robert B. Peebles, 76, who came to US from Elie, Scotland, in 1900 died recently at his home near Greenville, O. . . He had worked as teaching pro for L. E. Beavins at White Springs GC, Greenville, in 1951 and 1952, then went to the Bardstown (Ky.) CC for a brief period after which he retired . . . He was an excellent player and teacher and had an engaging personality . . . Mr. Peebles undoubtedly was in more good pro jobs than any other pro in the game . . . The USGA championship record book lists some of Bob's connections: South Orange, Fairview, Sound Beach, St. Joseph Valley, Dallas, Wichita, Topeka, Shawnee Heights, Louisville . . . He also served as pro at the Mexico City CC . . . He is survived by his widow, two daughters and a son.

PGA officials looking into offers from real estate dealers to move from Dunedin (Fla.) National course which is municipal

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The 163-yard fifth at the Hole-in-the-Wall Golf club, Naples, Fla., is a place where a golfer can go to get away from the madding crowd. The "Wall" is a stretch of moss-draped trees that forms the western boundary of the Everglades. There's one opening through the swamps and the woods and that's the "Hole" that gives a name to the farm that Dick Wilson's architecture converted into a fascinating course. Fellow at left is a resident.

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