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Dick Gianferante has been appointed eastern regional sales manager responsible for all of MacGregor's pro golf sales activities in the eastern United States. He was an assistant golf pro at Southshore CC in Massachusetts for 3 years before joining MacGregor in 1973.

Geoff Phillips has joined Osaga Actionwear, Inc. — Oleg Cassini as vice president of operations.

Bob Catapane will be calling on pro shops in Long Island, Dutchess, and Putnam counties in New York and in most of Connecticut as the new sales representative in that territory for Power Bilt golf equipment, Hillerich & Bradsby Co.

J. Allen McKenzie, formerly assistant pro at Lincoln Park GC in Oklahoma City and currently president of the South Central PGA Assistant Association, is now selling for Ram Golf Corp. in Oklahoma and North Texas.

Wilber S. McCara has been appointed regional sales manager for the west coast for Ram Golf Corp. He and his field sales force will continue to cover California, Washington, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Andy Bean, a rising star on the PGA Tour, has signed as touring pro for Grenelefe Golf and Racquet Club near Cypress Gardens, Fla.

Mike Harrigan, new head professional at Thorngate CC, Deerfield, has been named the Illinois PGA player of the year for his "outstanding performances through the

1977 Illinois PGA golf season." He was formerly assistant professional at Medinah.

Edward Pette is the new head golf professional at East Potomac GC, Washington, D.C.

Robert C. Brophy is now midwestern district sales manager for OMC-Lincoln's Cushman and Ryan turf care product lines. His territory includes Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma.

Larry G. Vetter has been appointed manager, Professional Turf Products Division, Northrup King Co. His 15 years' experience in the turfgrass field includes 4 years as assistant golf superintendent at Park Land CC, Muscatine, Iowa, and 11 years as superintendent for Minnikahda Club, Minneapolis.

Richard H. Hurley has been named director of research and development for Lofts Pedigreed seed.

John Regier, who designed, built, and produced the original Hustler riding mower nearly 15 years ago, has returned to Excel Industries, Inc., as product services manager.

Gary Foote has joined Jacobsen Manufacturing Co. as field sales representative for the Turf Products Division. He will serve the southeast region from his base in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Jim Commisso has joined Lakeshore Equipment & Supply Co. as a sales representative in Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse, N.Y. At one time, he was assistant golf pro

at Locust Hill CC, and in 1960 he and his father (also a golf pro) designed and built the Winged Pheasant Public GC.

Mario DiFederico, president of Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation. Other recent appointees to the board of the nonprofit educational research group are **John J. Weinberg** of South Africa and **J. Nakatsukasa** of Japan. Weinberg deals in professional turfgrass equipment and is an honorary life member of the Reading CC. Nakatsukasa is managing director of Mikuni Shoko Co. Ltd., which represents several American and U.K. irrigation and turfgrass equipment companies; he belongs to seven golf clubs and participates in the Japan Turfgrass Research Association and Japan Greenkeepers Association.

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Larry Walker has left Clarksville (Tenn.) CC to take the superintendent's job at Marietta (Ga.) CC. He was replaced at Clarksville by **Sam Green**.

Harold Franklin has been hired as the superintendent at Swan Lake GC in Clarksville, Tenn. He was formerly at Rivermont CC in Atlanta, Ga.

Terry Jungman formerly of Austin, Tex., is now superintendent at Temple Hills CC in Nashville, Tenn.

Marshall Earnest is now superintendent at Valley Brook GC in Hixon, Tenn. He had been an assistant at Dunwoody CC in Atlanta, Ga.

Ben Kerns has moved the superintendent's job at Imperial CC in Southern California. Kerns had been at Birch Hill GC, where he was replaced by **Tony Harris**. Harris was most recently superintendent at Silver Lakes CC.

Bill Palley, formerly assistant superintendent at Rancho Santa Fe CC, is now superintendent at Seven Hills CC, Hemet, Calif.

Dave Zahrete left Candlewood CC in Whittier, Calif., to be superintendent at Santa Ana CC.

Mike Maringello is now superintendent at California's Rancho Las Palmas CC. He had been at Shadow Mountain GC in Palm Desert.

Andrew Lawyer, formerly assistant superintendent at Crooked Stick GC in Indiana, is now a turf specialist and sales representative for Cory Orchard Supply Co., offering turfgrass chemicals to golf courses in the Indiana area.

The Professional Golfers' Association of America has named two new consultants to its Club and Professional Relations Department: **Jim Bailey**, 1976 recipient of the Horton Smith Award and an 18-year PGA member; and **Bob Rickey**, already a consultant to the PGA on employment problems and the PGA Merchandise Show as well as to PGA/Victor and the National Golf Foundation.

Orin Linde is the new club pro at The Meadows GC in Sarasota, Fla. He formerly was the pro at Oriole Golf and Tennis Club in Margate, Fla.

Ed Kavanagh has accepted the club manager's position at the North Ridge CC in Fair Oaks, Calif. He was previously manager of Del Rio Golf and CC in Modesto, Calif.

William S. Rorke, former club manager at Birnam Wood CC in Santa Barbara, Calif., has taken the general manager's position at Lomas Santa Fe CC in Solana Beach, Calif. He has also served as manager of the Seattle Tennis Club.

Delia R. Wynn, former assistant manager at the CC of Virginia, is the new club manager at the Richmond CC in Richmond, Va.

The ProTurf Division of O. M. Scott & Sons has promoted nine men to senior technical representative: **Mike Chinich** in South Carolina; **Tom Comalli** in Maryland, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., and northern Virginia; **Charles Curtis** in the Utica-Syracuse, N.Y., area; **John Drencheck** in Rochester-Buffalo, N.Y.; **Larry Lieux** in Northwestern Ohio; **Ben Malinkowski** in eastern Washington and Oregon, western Montana, and Idaho; **Jerry O'Donnell** in Wisconsin; **Ray Saseen** in Georgia; and **Tom Wentz** in eastern New York. Comalli and O'Donnell are former golf superintendents, and Lieux managed a golf club for almost a decade.