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The Meadows Golf Club in Sarasota, Fla., has announced two new appointments: **Michael Mlaker** as country club manager, and **Elray Hanchey, Jr.** as golf course and landscape superintendent. Mlaker, a native of Austria, had previously held managerial positions at the "21" Club in New York City, the St. Maarten Isle Hotel and Casino, and Florida's Hillcrest Bay CC, Perido Bay CC, and Feathersound CC. Hanchey was superintendent of three Kandell Associates golf courses and, most recently, at Kandell's Frenchman's Creek.

Charles E. Barebo is the new executive vice president and general manager of Rodale Resources Inc., manufacturer of Otterbine aeration systems, which are widely used to improve water quality in golf course ponds and lakes without toxic chemicals.

Judy T. Rankin has won the LPGA Player-of-the-Year Award for the second consecutive year. The Chrysler-sponsored award is her third major prize for 1977; she also won the Vare Trophy and the Golf Writers of America Award for top performance on the LPGA Tour.

DeDe Owens of Pine Needles Lodge & CC, Southern Pines, N.C., was voted LPGA Teacher-of-the-Year by the 250 members of the LPGA Teaching Division. She was a member of the LPGA Tournament Players Division from 1969 to 1973 and is currently involved in junior golf programs at Pine Needles as well as working on several collegiate tournaments while working on a doctoral degree at the University of Virginia.

Ben Crenshaw, one of the young stars of the PGA Tour, has signed an exclusive management agreement with Hanna-Barbera Enterprises. The licensing/merchandising subsidiary of Hanna-Barbera Productions will develop sports marketing programs for the golfer.

The Irrigation Division of The Toro Co. restructured and enlarged its service operations and gave **C. William Speelman** the new post of manager of product application and field service. Service territories were realigned into three areas, with new district service managers: Western-Rocky

Mountain, **Kenneth Larsen**; Southern-Southwestern, **Douglas Colson**; and Northeast-Midwest, **Frank E. Moffett**.

Jim Keane, former assistant pro at Elmwood CC in White Plains, N.Y., is the new head pro at Wildflower CC near Englewood, Fla. The course, formerly known as Gasparilla Pine Executive GC, was purchased by **Al Griollo** last year after a bank took over the mortgage; **David Griollo**, son of the owner, is president of the corporation.

Ron Bakich is the new golf professional at El Conquistador in Bradenton, Fla. He succeeds **Joe Stencik**, who went to Sara Bay CC.

Jay C. Shinn, merchandise and promotion manager for Colgate-Palmolive Co.'s Leisure and Entertainment Division, has been named general manager of Ram Golf Corp., a wholly owned Colgate subsidiary. He succeeds **Allan P. Hansberger**, who has retired. **James Hansberger**, brother of Allan and vice president of Ram, also is retiring "the first part of 1978." The Hansbergers have formed a new company, Hansberger Golf Products Inc. (see News section).

Frank Kimel, former assistant professional at Winter Haven's Lake Region Yacht & CC, has joined Florida Golfweek as the newspaper's advertising director.

Larry Lisic is the new head pro at Chippewa GC in Doylestown, Ohio. He had been an assistant at Beechmont CC east of Cleveland.

Douglas Findlay has been appointed executive director of the Michigan Section PGA, headquartered in Southfield. He had previously worked with the Royal Canadian Golf Association and the Ontario Golf Association.

Russell Ogan is the golf professional at the New Kingsway CC in Lake Suzy, Fla.

William G. Fielder has been named golf course director by Fairfield Green Valley, Inc., principal developer of this retirement community 25 miles south of Tucson. Previously superintendent at the Country Club of Green Valley and past president of the Southern Arizona GCSA, Fielder will supervise construction of a third 18-hole golf course for the development.

Jeff Raymond has been promoted to sales manager for Applied Biochemists, Inc., Wisconsin manufacturer of water treatment chemicals.

Clayton C. Nelson has assumed the title of vice president of W. A. Cleary Corp. **Carl Mauer** is now manager of formulations, research, and development for the manufacturer of fungicides and herbicides.

Larry Ballard, former superintendent at Gillespie Park GC, Greensboro, is now superintendent at North Green Club, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Doyce Hunter has moved from Sky Valley GC in Dillard, Ga., to the superintendent's job at River Bend GC, Shelby, N.C.

John Hilton, former superintendent at Bald Head G&CC, Carolina Beach, can now be found on the course at Echo Farms GC, Wilmington, N.C.

Dick Faucette is now superintendent of Gillespie Park GC in Greensboro, N.C., as well as Bryan Park GC.

Kohler Co.'s Engine Division has appointed **F. Keith Conaway** director of customer service, **Frank L. McNamara** manager of special projects, and **Mark E. Weaver** an area manager. Conaway will be responsible for engine sales and service for Kohler engine distributors and OEM accounts. Weaver will cover four states and parts of three others in the west and southwest.

Mike Brown left Maple Lakes GC, Bremen, Ga., recently, and returned to Tally Mountain GC at Tallapoosa, Ga., as superintendent.

Alvin W. Jordan, formerly superintendent at Pine Ridge CC in Lawrenceville, Ga., now holds the same post with Tara G&CC, Jonesboro, Ga.

Rich Longhurst has assumed the head professional's job at Gooding (Idaho) CC. e previously played major league baseball for the San Diego Padres.

Michael Andrijiszyn is a new PGA apprentice at Rolling Hills CC in Crystal Springs, Miss.

Jim Russell retired at the end of 1977 after 30 years as head pro at Walla Walla (Wash.) CC. His assistant, **Rick Renick**, succeeds him.

Tom Nieporte is the new golf professional at Winged Foot GC, Mamaroneck, N.Y. He had been the pro at Piping Rock on Long Island for quite awhile.

Kevin Morris, former assistant pro at Mt. Kisco CC, took over the top job at Westchester Hills GC in White Plains, N.Y., after **Jack Sabol** retired after 50 years there.

Ben Hartig has signed on as teaching professional at Frenchman's Creek CC in Juno Beach, Fla.

Jerry Sovelone is pro/manager at the new Castlewood CC, Jackson, Miss.

Harve Ketter, called the "grand old man of Iowa golf course grooming," passed away in November. He had tended the turf at Grandview GC in Des Moines for more than half a century and was a charter member of the Iowa GCSA.