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Golf Names in the News

Movers and shakers in the golf industry

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Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Ga., has named PGA Professional **Wes Forester** as Head Professional at the Plantation Course. ... **William "Bill" Survilla**, Caddie Manager at Oak Park Country Club in River Grove, Ill., for 30 years, has been inducted into the PCA Caddie Hall of Fame.

Adams Golf has signed Champions Tour players **Dana Quigley**, **Morris Hatalsky** and **R.W. Eaks** to new endorsement agreements, while re-signing Champions Tour players **D.A. Weibring**, **Des Smyth**, **Tom Jenkins**, and **Jose Maria Canizares**. In addition, Adams has promoted **Scott Blevins** to Senior Vice President of Sales.

Element 21 Golf has named former Tommy Armour Golf General Manager **Bill Dey** as its new Executive Vice President and General Manager. ... **Steven A. Furman** has joined Forewinds Hospitality as Director of Hospitality Operations.

Mizuno USA, Inc., has entered into a partnership with Putter Designer **Bob Bettinardi** to introduce a new line of milled putters under the Mizuno name. ... Turner Hill in Ipswich, Mass., has appointed **Chris Duprey** as Project Executive.

The Spirit of Golf Foundation has created the **Eddie Merrins** Award to honor outstanding golf coaches, and will present the inaugural award to Merrins himself. Merrins, a legendary PGA Professional affectionately known as the "Little Pro," was the longtime golf coach at UCLA. ... The Golf Association of Philadelphia has appointed **John Holsten** as its new Secretary.

Marriott Golf has named **Ron Lewis** as Director of Grounds at Cottonwood Hills Golf Club in Hutchinson, Kan., a new 18-hole golf facility scheduled to open in the spring. ... Futures Tour player **Pam Crikelair** is partnering with The Green Friendly Golf Co. to endorse its new ladies signature line of belts.

Rex VanHoose has been promoted to Senior Vice president/Managing Architect at Jacobsen Hardy Golf Course Design. ... Texas A&M University has presented a special service award to **Ken Gorzycki**, the Director of Golf Course Management at the Barton Creek Resort and Spa in Austin, Texas.

Etonic Worldwide has named **Ken Kotowski** as Business Manager for Etonic Gloves and Accessories. ... Datrek Miller International has created a strategic alliance with PGA Professional **Rob Akins** of Collierville, Tenn., which Akins will provide DMI with innovative and

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effective golf improvement products to bring to market while helping the company create similar relationships with other leading golf instructors.

The Belding Golf Bag Company has added several new Sales Representatives, including **Tony Greiner** (Michigan), **Ed Budz** (New England), **Bruce Swensrud** (Palm Springs area), **Charlie McGuinness** (metro New York and Fairfield, Conn.), **Mark Danton** (Texas) and **Chris Reyna** (Oklahoma).

William M. Lewis has been named Business Unit Head of Arysta LifeScience North America. ... Carson Industries, LLC, has named **John B. Burns** as Vice President of Sales for Professional and Commercial Businesses. ... Nufarm Americas, Inc. has promoted **Sean Casey** to Vice President of Sales for Turf and Ornamental.

Longtime PGA of America Executive Director **Jim Awtrey** has been chosen to receive the **Donald Ross** Award from the American Society of Golf Course Architects for his significant contributions to the game of golf and golf course architecture. ... Adams Golf has signed an endorsement agreement with PGA Tour player **Bubba Dickerson**.

PGA Professional **Mickie Gallagher III** has been selected as Head Golf Professional at Trump National Golf Club, Bedminster, in Bedminster, N.J. ... **Bernhard Langer** of Germany, Europe's 2004 Ryder Cup-winning captain and two-time Masters champion, has received an honorary OBE (Order of the British Empire) from the Queen of England for his services to golf.

PGA Tour players **Kelly Gibson**, **Hal Sutton** and **David Toms**, all Louisiana natives, have been honored with the Golf Writers Association of America's **Charlie Bartlett** Award for their efforts in raising more than \$2 million for hurricane relief. ... The late PGA Professional **Claude Harmon Sr.**, the longtime Head Professional at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y., will become the 13th inductee into the World Golf Teachers Hall of Fame.

Jim Farmer of St. Andrews, Scotland, has been named the Honorary Professional of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. Farmer, a member of the British PGA, replaces **John Panton**, who is retiring after 17 years in the position. ... GPS Industries, which makes GPS-enabled multimedia communications and Wi-Fi management solutions for golf facilities, has hired **Peter Lesyk** as its Vice-President for Wireless Solutions.

PGA Tour Rules Official **Jamie Conkling** is taking over as Executive Director of the Virginia State Golf Association. ... LPGA T&CP Member **Kelly Sheehan-Gay** has been promoted to Head Golf Professional at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club in Orlando, Fla.

The Northern California PGA Section has named **Janet Davis** of Pajaro Valley Golf Club in Royal Oaks, Calif., as the recipient of the section's 2005 Horton Smith Award. In addition, the Section named **Shawn Kelly** of the Ridge Golf Club in Auburn, Calif., as Clubfitter of the Year and **Scott Krause** of Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Gilroy, Calif., as Teacher of the Year.

The St. Andrews Links Trust has added **Kevin Mullins** to its Links Management Committee. He replaces **Drew Renwick**, who retired after a four-year term on the LMC, one of two committees that oversees the famous courses in St. Andrews, Scotland. In addition, **Peter Douglas** has been re-nominated to serve a second term on the LMC, and **Fiona de Vries** has been re-nominated as a Trustee for a further three years.

Pam Chugg of Wales has taken over as Chairman of the Ladies Golf Union in Great Britain. ... Golf Galaxy has signed an agreement with **Katherine Roberts** in which she will serve as golf fitness expert for the big golf retailer.

Paula Creamer, the 2005 LPGA Rookie of the Year, has signed a deal with Bridgestone to play its Precept golf ball and another deal with NEC Corporation in which she will wear the NEC logo on her headwear. ... **Annika Sorenstam** has signed on to design a golf course in South Africa, where she will create the first Signature course designed by a woman in that country. ... CN Rail has signed a three-year endorsement agreement with LPGA player **Lorie Kane**, under which she will wear the CN logo on her cap.

Pat Clayton of Farmers Branch, Texas, has been selected as President of the Dallas District Golf Association. ... **Don C. Robinson** has been appointed President of Baha Mar Resorts Ltd. in Nassau, Bahamas.

PeakVision Sports has signed LPGA Tour players **Moira Dunn**, **Mikaela Parmlid** and **Heather Bowie** to endorse its Dual-Zone technology. ... ECCO Golf has extended its endorsement agreements with LPGA Tour player **Juli Inkster** and Ladies European Tour player **Iben Tinning**.

ProLink Solutions, LLC, which provides GPS systems to golf courses, has named **Danny Lam** as President of ProLink Capital, the company's new financing initiative. ... CBS Golf Announcer **Jim Nantz** has been named the 2005 National Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. Nantz also won the award in 1998.

Gene Blum has been named General Manager at Heritage Isles Golf and Country Club in Tampa, Fla. ... Author **Stephen Goodwin** is publishing his new book, "Dream Golf: The Making of Bandon Dunes."

PGA Tour player **Chad Campbell** has joined the Nike Golf Tour Staff as part of a multi-year agreement in which he will use Nike Golf clubs, ball, gloves, bags, footwear, apparel, headwear and accessories. ... The golf course design firm of Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest and Associates has hired **John Odom** as Director of Business Development, Southeast.

Accu-Length has named **John Dougherty** as Vice President of Field Sales. ... Sonartec Golf has appointed **Alan Rodysill** as Eastern Regional Sales Manager and **Roger Yago** as Western Regional Sales Manager, roles in which they will be coordinating the national Sonartec sales force. ... Ahead Headwear has named **Jim Keenan** as Director of Marketing.

PGA Tour player **Phil Mickelson** will be recognized for his career achievements by the Metropolitan Golf Writers Association this summer. ... **Michael T. Merrill** has been named the Head Professional at RedStick Golf Club in Vero Beach, Fla. ... Dunning Golf has signed apparel sponsorship agreements with PGA Tour players **Craig Barlow** and **Zach Johnson**.

Dynamic Brands, the parent company of Bag Boy and AMF Golf, has named **Ollie Hallet** and **Ron Holeman** as 2005 Co-Sales Representatives of the Year for Bag Boy and AMF Golf, respectively. Hallet covers the Eastern New England Region, while Holeman covers California. ... Lamkin Golf has hired **Andy Kerr** as its new OEM Sales Manager.

Marriott Golf has named **Greg Downer** as Director of Golf and **Sean Gradomski** as Head Golf Professional at Royal St. Kitts Golf Club on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts. ... Datrek Miller International has hired **Dave Triptow Jr.** to head up its new Premium/International Division to service corporate accounts, international distributors and its OEM opportunities.

PGA Tour player **Mike Weir** has extended his endorsement agreement with TaylorMade-adidas Golf under which he will continue to play TaylorMade equipment and begin to wear adidas Golf footwear. ... The LPGA Tournament Owners Association has promoted **Stephanie Hall** to President from her previous position as Executive Director.

Aureus and Winner Mate Sportswear have appointed former National Sales Manager **Geoffrey M. Stiles** as their new Vice President of Sales and Marketing. ... **Stan Shih**, the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Acer Group, has entered into a joint venture with Black Knight International to introduce the **Gary Player** brand of equipment and apparel into China and across Asia.

PGA Professional **Craig Waryan** has been named Assistant Men's and Women's Golf Coach at Concordia College in St. Paul, Minn. Waryan is a PGA Master Professional and a two-time winner of the Minnesota PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award. ... The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga has hired **Colette Murray** as the Head Women's Golf Coach. She is restarting a program that has been dormant since the mid-1980s.

PGA Professional **Devon Brouse**, the Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach and Director of Golf Operations at Purdue and a member of the Indiana PGA Section, has been named the recipient of the **Labron Harris Sr.** Award, presented to the college or high school coach and PGA Professional whose support of the game through teaching, coaching and involvement in the community has helped ensure the continued growth of the game and represent the finest qualities the game has to offer.

Michael A. Stachowski, Superintendent at the Golf Course of Concordia in Cranbury, N.J., and **Patrick Blum**, Superintendent at Colonial Acres Golf Course in Glenmont, N.Y., have been selected as the 2006 recipients of the Excellence in Government Relations Awards by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. ... *Pub Links Golfer Magazine* has named **John J. Glozek, Jr.** as the Publisher of its Long Island / Metro NY Edition.

Nicklaus Golf Equipment Company has appointed **Randy Ramsey** as its new Director of National Account Sales. ... Partners **Michael Zmetrovich** and **Lee Lockhart** have launched Trophy Golf Management, a new management, development and consulting services firm for the private club and resort industry.

Sports Media Group is publishing a soft-cover edition of "Men on the Bag" by **Ward Clayton**. ... Yeoman House is publishing "Back Swings: A Golf Omnibus" by **James Y. Bartlett**. ... Intrawest Golf has appointed **Jeffrey Palmer** as Director of Golf of the Raven Golf Club at Lora Bay in Thornbury, Ontario, Canada.

Five new members have been elected to the International Network of Golf Advisory Board. They are Gustbuster/Sunbuster CEO **Steve Asman**; Razor Golf CEO **George Baker**; Golf Course Architect **Ron Garl**; Mystic Dunes Golf Club General Manager **Melissa Suttles**; and Johnson Design Golf Marketing President **John Johnson**.

The National Golf Coaches Association will induct **John Crooks**, the Women's Golf Coach at Campbell University, and LPGA players **Leta Lindley** and **Michele Redman** into the NCGA Hall of Fame. Crooks led the Lady Camels to eight conference titles and 11 NCAA Regional appearances. Redman was a four-year All Big Ten Team member, while Lindley was a four-time All-American at Arizona before embarking on her LPGA career.

The Wintergreen Resort Golf Club in Wintergreen, Va., has selected **Sean Taylor** as its Director of Golf. ... **Pam Tyska**, the Women's Golf Coach at Northern Illinois University, will receive the 2006 **Gladys Palmer** Meritorious Service Award, the National Golf Coaches Association's most prestigious honor. At NIU, she was named the 1991 NCGA Midwest Region Coach of the Year and the LPGA Midwest Region Coach of the Year in 1994 and 1996.

UpLink has added **Mike Cronin** as Vice President of Sales. ... Maruman Golf USA has hired **Steven Okazaki** as its new National Sales Manager. ... Classic Golf Group has named PGA Professional **Matthew Griffith** as Director of Marketing to oversee marketing efforts for each of Classic Golf Group's six golf courses.

The Northern California PGA Section has chosen **Frank LaRosa** as Media Representative of the Year and **Dave Nelson** as Sales Representative of the Year. LaRosa is President of LaRosa and Associates, while Nelson is West Coast Sales Manager for Club Car.

Former U.S. Open Champion **Jim Furyk** has signed an endorsement agreement with Srixon Sports USA, under which he will play Srixon's new Z-UR prototype golf ball and forged wedges and wear the company's hat and glove and carry its signature red golf bag. ... **Paul J. Foley** has been named the new Executive Director of the Golf Course Builders Association of America.

The Royal & Ancient Golf Club has appointed **Neil Crichton** as a Trustee to the St. Andrews Links Trust, and added **John Mills** as a member of the Links Management Committee. Crichton replaces **Robin Waddell**, who served nine years, while Mills steps in for **Dennis Matthews**, who ended his four-year term.

Puma Golf has signed a four-year endorsement agreement with PGA Tour player **Geoff Ogilvy** under which Ogilvy will wear Puma Golf footwear and apparel and star in a TV and print campaign. ... Strategic Shaft Technologies LC has promoted **Brian Adair** to Chief Operating Officer.

Datrek Miller International has hired **Randall J. Frapart** as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, a role in which he will be responsible for all financial functions of DMI including accounting, treasury, risk management and investor relations. ... PKF Consulting, a consulting and real estate firm specializing in hospitality, has named **Tim Wyman** as Director of its new Golf & Resort Group, which will provide consulting and planning services.

Fresno State Golf Coach **Mike Watney** has become the first honorary member of Running Horse Golf & Country Club, a gated golf community in the San Joaquin Valley of California. ... **Rich Lange**, who previously founded Lange Golf and Turf, LLC, in Chicago, has been selected to served as President of Ryland Homes' Central Valley division in California.

Jack Nicklaus has been named to receive the 2005 ASAP Sports/**Jim Murray** Award, which recognizes a player for cooperation, quotability and for accommodation to the media. In addition, **Bart Bryant** will receive the 2005 **Ben Hogan** Award, given annually to an individual who has succeeded in golf despite a physical handicap or serious illness, and **Sandy Tatum** will get the **William D. Richardson** Award, given annually to an individual who has consistently made an outstanding contribution to golf. The awards are presented by the Golf Writers' Association of America.

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