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USGA NAMES DEAN KNUTH
DIRECTOR, HANDICAP SERVICES

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FAR HILLS, N.J. -- Dean Knuth has been appointed Director, Handicap Services of the United States Golf Association.

Announcement of Knuth's appointment was made by the USGA Senior Executive Director Harry W. Easterly, Jr.

"We are happy to have Dean on board," Easterly said. "We know he can make a strong contribution in this vital area of our operations."

Among Knuth's responsibilities will be conducting research to improve the current USGA Handicap System, assisting regional golf associations with handicapping and course rating procedure problems and taking charge of the USGA's new computer system which will help some golf associations provide better handicap service to their members.

Knuth, a native of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, recently left the United States Navy, where he had attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He earned a bachelor of science degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1970. Seven years later, he was awarded a master of science degree in computer systems technology from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. He was a PhD candidate in applied mathematics at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

For the past eight years, Knuth has been working on various handicapping techniques, including a collaboration with the Northern California Golf Association in 1976-77. He has been a member of the USGA Handicap Procedure Committee and Handicap Research Team for the past three years. An expert in the area of golf course rating procedures, Knuth has been the prime developer of the USGA's proposal for a new course rating system.

The USGA, formed in 1894, is a non-profit organization of more than 5,000 member clubs and courses and is solely dedicated to the game of golf and individual golfers.

Among its many activities, the USGA conducts 12 national championships annually, including the United States Open Championship.