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**Charles Mechem's remarkable legal and business career spanned six decades. But some of his most memorable moments of his rich life occurred alongside his good friends Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. In *Arnie and Jack: Stories of My Long Friendship with Two Remarkable Men*, Charlie now takes golf fans behind the scenes, detailing with energy and wit — and sometimes solemnity — why these great icons of the course excelled at both work and play.**

I can say with complete conviction that there isn't a person, past or present, who knows more about Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, and the stories that took place between the two of us — and individually — than Charlie Mechem.

**Jack Nicklaus**

There can never be enough stories about these two great legends from the game of golf. Charlie has captured and told us some of the best.

**Tom Watson**

I am a big fan of Charlie Mechem! I lived some of the history recorded in Charlie's wonderful book, but it was great to learn so much more. Charlie was such a true friend to both Arnold and Jack, and the book really puts you in the same room with them. It made me chuckle. It's a wonderful trip down golf's memory lane. If you love golf, which so many of us do, this book will be one of your favorites.

**Nancy Lopez**

Charlie was leading the LPGA when I became the PGA Tour's commissioner, and I had many opportunities to listen to his stories about Arnie and Jack. This enjoyable book details some of those and many others as he recounts his relationship with two legends of the game; actually three — if you count Charlie.

**Tim Finchem, former PGA Tour Commissioner**

Charles Mechem was a lawyer for Cincinnati's prestigious law firm Taft Stettinius & Hollister, a business executive who headed the Taft Broadcasting empire of media outlets and amusement parks, and then the commissioner of the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

After retiring, he became a longtime consultant and advisor to Arnold Palmer.

But Charlie is not all business. Born in Nelsonville, Ohio, a small town nestled in the northwestern corner of Athens County, Charlie still thinks of himself as a small-town boy, and is constantly in awe of the many wonderful friends that his career allowed him to meet and enjoy.

He and his wife, Marilyn, have three children and five grandchildren and live in California.