Leaders
PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

The Classic Golf Group promoted Shawn Keller to superintendent at Indian Wells Golf Club. Keller most recently served in the same position at Sea Gull Golf Club and Quail Creek Golf Club, both managed by Classic Golf Group.

Bayer Environmental Science named George Raymond its western sales representative. He will cover northern California for the golf team and coordinate lawn/landscape activities in the western states. Raymond had been business manager of herbicides/PGRs for Bayer.

BASF Corp. appointed Toni Bucci as business manager of its Turf & Ornamental group. She will oversee T&O business development, sales and marketing, new products and acquisitions.

BASF Corp. appointed Philip Donahoo as a sales specialist for the company's Turf & Ornamental business in southern Florida. Donahoo comes to BASF from Texas Star Blinds, where he served as director of sales.

Rain Bird named Brad Heicokki the application engineer for the Southeast region. He will be responsible for providing technical on-site service and support for all Rain Bird Golf customers located in the Southeast.

Rancho Manana Golf Club hired Dale Samar as its general manager. Samar has nearly 15 years of experience in the industry and held positions with Marriott Golf and SunCor Golf at Sedona Golf Resort, SunRidge Canyon and StoneRidge Golf Course.

NOTABLE ACHIEVERS

The Irrigation Association announced the recipients of its annual awards during its 25th International Irrigation Show in Tampa, Fla: William R. Pogue, retired Irrometer Co. president (Industry Achievement Award for his 35 years of service in the irrigation industry); Edward M. Norum, first executive director of the Center for Irrigation Technology (2004 IA Person of the Year for his career focus on advancing irrigation technology); Stuart Styles, director of the Irrigation Training and Research Center (2004 IA Person of the Year for his ability to draw students into irrigation careers); Jack Buzzard, Rain Bird International vice president (Crawford Reid Memorial Award for his 35 years of developing international markets for Rain Bird); Disney's Horticulture, which maintains the grounds of the 47-square-mile Walt Disney World Resort (2004 Partner of the Year for its commitment to education and certification of irrigation specialists); and Nebraska's Upper Republican Natural Resources District (2004 Water and Energy Conservation Award for its proactive leadership in protecting and preserving groundwater supplies).

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