Profile Products named Michael Chase the manager of its market development division. Profile also named Rob Yoakum to its soils solutions team, while Michael Schupp was hired as a regional sales manager.

RDC Golf Group named transition specialist Pat Vanderstine the general manager of Blue Heron Pines West Golf Club in Cologne, N.J. One of only a few female GM's in the Garden State, she will oversee all facets of the club's management.

Redexim Charterhouse named the recipients of its annual awards. They included: Lawn & Golf Supply, Phoenixville, Pa. (Distributor of the Year); Craig Scheidler, Malverse Equipment, HICKsville, N.Y. (Salesman of the Year); and Wilfred MacDonald Inc., South Hackensack, N.J. (Distributor Parts Department of the Year).

Marriott Golf named Lukas Harvey, former superintendent of the Blue Monster at Doral Golf Resort & Spa, as its director of golf grounds at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club & Spa in Jupiter, Fla.

Syngenta Professional Products announced that Jason Whitecliffe joined its turf and ornamental team as a sales representative for Georgia and Alabama. He arrives from from Strategic Industries in Alpharetta, Ga., where he worked as a regional sales manager.

Syngenta also added Adam Neate to its turf and ornamental team as a sales representative for northern Ohio. He arrives from Syngenta Seeds in Minnesota, where he worked as a field sales manager.

Laughlin Ranch Golf Club in Bullhead City, Ariz., named Chris Sachen its superintendent of the newly opened 18-hole golf course.

Pacific Sod announced the hiring of territory manager Steve McLaughlin. He is responsible for the Inland Empire territory, including Riverside and San Bernardino counties and adjacent areas.

Mike Knudson joined Rain Bird Golf as a western regional manager. He is responsible for evaluating and developing a golf distribution network for the western United States. Also appointed was Kerry Barnett as marketing manager.

Echo Inc. promoted Andrew Kuczmar to the newly created position of senior director of product training and support. A 30-year employee of Echo, he is well known within the outdoor power equipment industry for his expertise in two-stroke engine technology.

Craig Smith was named aquatic business manager of Phoenix Environmental Care. He was formally with Griffin, where he spent four years as territory manager. The company also named Rick Grant its director of business development. He had been with Griffin, where he was involved with sales and market development.

Wiedenmann North America awarded its distributor of the year honor to Roy Spielman (Eastern Connecticut State). The C. Richard Skogley Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kevin Crawford, a student at the University of Rhode Island. The RIGCSA Research Fellowship was awarded to Whitney O'Hanian, a student at the University of Rhode Island.