

Leaders

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE



Chase



Yoakum



Schupp



McLaughlin



Smith



Grant



Zoldoske



Doyle

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**, Malvese 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 Kuczmars** 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

NOTABLE ACHIEVERS



Some of this year's RIGCSA Scholarship recipients (left to right): **Christopher Godet**; **Kevin Crawford**; **Brian Wendell**; **James Medeiros**, RIGCSA Past President; **Richard Lombardi**, Scholarship & Research Committee Chairman; **Lisa Donohue**; **Ashley Fox** and **Ryan Seyboth**.

The Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendents Association awarded more than \$23,000 in scholarships to the following students: **Gary Arruda** (Connecticut), **Lisa Donohue** (Plymouth State), **Nicholas Farina** (Keene State College), **Ashley Fox** (Framingham State College), **Christopher Godet** (Roger Williams), **Michael Godet** (Rhode Island), **Meagan Leinhauser** (Palm Beach CC), **Brittany Liston** (Bryant), **Kathleen Reynolds** (CC of Rhode Island), **Kelly Richard** (CC of Rhode Island), **Ryan Seyboth** (Stockbridge School of Agriculture), **Kara Smith** (Miami) and **Brian Wendell** (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.

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 **Commercial Turf & Tractor**, Chillicothe, Mo. Salesman of the Year honors went to **Roy Spielman** of Spielman Enterprises. Spielman's sales territory includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia.

Gary Hart, an executive at Karsten Manufacturing Corp., joined Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest & Associates as director of business development for the Western/Pacific Region.

The Turf-Seed Board of Directors elected the following members: **Bill Rose** (chairman of the board); **Agostino Gaude** (international director); **Crystal Fricker** (marketing director); **Ed Rose** (production director); **Cara Tuggle** (forage and operations director); and **Gordon Zielinski** (secretary/treasurer and chief executive officer).

Irrigation Association President **David Zoldoske** was named vice chair of a California task force to improve the efficiency of water use in urban landscapes.

James Doyle was named president of the engine business for Kohler Co. He will provide strategic business leadership for Kohler Engines worldwide. He arrives via Fasco Industries, where he served as the group president in Eaton Rapids, Mich.