

Leaders

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Recognized by his peers in the Crop Science Society of America (CSSA), **Doug Brede**, the research director for Jacklin Seed, received three major awards for scientific achievement: The Genetics and Plant Breeding Award for Industry from the National Council of Commercial Plant Breeders; The Fred V. Grau Turfgrass Science Award; and the CSAA Fellow Award, the highest recognition bestowed by the society.

Marriott Golf named Greg Downer director of golf and promoted **Sean Gradomski** to head golf professional at Royal St. Kitts Golf Club in Basseterre, St. Kitts. Marriott Golf also promoted **Anthony L. Williams**, formerly the director of grounds at the Renaissance Pinelsle Resort on Lake Lanier Islands, to superintendent of grounds at the 36-hole Stone Mountain Golf Club. Marriott Golf also named **Ron Lewis** the director of grounds at Cottonwood Hills Golf Club, an 18-hole golf facility scheduled to open this spring in Hutchinson, Kan.

Texas A&M University awarded a special service award to alumni **Ken Gorzycki** (1977), the director of golf course management at Barton Creek Resort & Spa in Austin, Texas. Turf specialist **James B. Beard**, A&M professor emeritus, president and chief scientist at the International Sports Turf Institute, attended the event to honor his former student.

RDC Golf Group appointed **Eric J. Quinn** as the general manager at Blue Heron Pines in Cologne, N.J. RDC Golf Group also named Tuscawilla Country Club superintendent **Chris Cartin** the recipient of the 2005 RDC President's Award. The City Council of Dinuba, Calif.,



Brede



Cartin



Neill



Chavarria



Hanna



Urbanowski



Warwick

selected KemperSports to serve as construction and operations manager for the area's first-ever 18-hole championship golf course, named Ridge Creek Golf Club.

Profile Products named **Karen Csech** an executive sales assistant. She will work with Profile's sales managers to process distributor information and fulfill customer requests. Profile Products also hired **Frank Lauro**. He will focus on market development for Profile Erosion Control Solutions (PECS) for the western region of the United States.

Jacobsen Hardy Golf Course Design hired **Brian Johnson** as a design associate and retained **Donnie Freeman** as a design consultant. Johnson's main responsibilities include the development of golf course design drawings, preliminary and final. Freeman will visit JH projects during its construction to ensure quality control and design integrity.

Cleary Chemical Corp. appointed **Mary Ellen (Cleary) Warwick** as president. She is a third-generation Cleary family member and succeeds her mother, **Barbara Cleary**, who has served as president for more than 25 years. Cleary Chemical also hired **Joe Chavarria** as a technical sales representative, serving both turf and ornamental customers in the Pacific Northwest. Chavarria had been a distributor sales representative with Simplot Partners.

PBI/Gordon Corp. hired **Trevor P. Radford** as a sales representative for the company's Northwest territory. Most recently employed by Univar USA, Radford has experience in the pest control, lawn care and agricultural markets and has a strong background in business management as well as sales.

Rob Neill was named the vice president of Syngenta Professional Products for North America. Formerly the vice president of marketing for Syngenta Crop Protection, he will oversee the Syngenta division that creates pest and vegetation management solutions for the golf, lawn and landscape, and ornamental industries. Syngenta also added **Melissa Gugliotti** as a sales representative, Simon Elsworth as its business manager for professional products in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland, and **Henk Smith** as its newly created Australian technical services lead for turf.

John Deere Golf & Turf One Source honored its top territory manager, **Rick Hill**, and its distributor of the year and second-time winner, Austin Turf & Tractor.

Dow AgroSciences named **Mark Urbanowski** the senior marketing specialist for turf, ornamental and technical products. He replaces **Scott Eicher**, who has elected to return to the field as a sales representative. Eicher held the marketing post since 1997.

Turfgrass breeder **Wayne Hanna** received the Turfgrass Producers International Honorary Member Award at the 2006 TPI Midwinter Conference.

FarmLinks appointed **Erle Fairly** its president, with all golf, maintenance and farm operations reporting to him. He had joined Pursell Technologies Inc. in 2003 as the PTI tour coordinator. FarmLinks also named **Brent Fuhrman** its chief operating officer. He had been the director of operations for the programs division of McGriff, Seibels and Williams in Birmingham, Ala.

SUNY Delhi named **Thomas A. Philion** its new director of professional golf management. He will serve as the lead instructor of SUNY Delhi's golf professional program, which is one of two academic concentrations offered by the college's four-year degree in golf course management.

Killearn's Eagle's Brooke Golf & Country Club, which is currently under construction, named **Jack Sauers** its general manager. He has been instrumental in Killearn's golfing operations for the past 38 years and will be transferred from the company's Waterfall Country Club.

Turf industry marketing firm EPIC Creative hired agronomist **Chad Kempf** to serve as an account manager as well as the company's primary turf expert.