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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Tom Vlach will become the new golf course superintendent at the PGA TOUR flagship TPC Sawgrass, home to THE PLAYERS Championship. Vlach's new responsibilities began after THE PLAYERS in May, upon the retirement of long-time golf course superintendent Fred Klauk who worked for the PGA TOUR for 27 years. Klauk, who will assist in the transition as well as remain active with the PGA TOUR in a project-management capacity, was instrumental in selecting his replacement following an exhaustive search. Vlach formerly was director of grounds maintenance at Greystone Golf and Country Club in Birmingham, Ala., a position he has held since 1999.

E-Z-GO promoted **Michael Parkhurst** to vice president of global sales. The former vice president of the Golf Channel and branch operations at E-Z-GO will oversee the sales and service organizations including specialty, used, fleet golf, corporate accounts, parts, accessories and customer care.

Dow AgroSciences named **Marney Dorsey** and **Justin Stewart** to its turf and ornamental sales team. Dorsey is the sales representative for the turf and ornamental market in Ohio, eastern Michigan, western Pennsylvania and western West Virginia. Stewart will be responsible for sales in Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky.

Edward J. Sealy Jr. is the new superintendent at the Rose Hill Country Club, a Signature Golf Group property.

Rudy Virga was promoted to director of operations of Empire Golf Management. He most recently served as general manager of Pine Barrens Golf Club for the past 10 years. He started his career at Empire as the first assistant professional at Minisceongo Golf Club, in Pomona, N.Y.

Two employees of Tri-Turf earned the designation of the No. 1 and No. 2 salespersons in the world for sales of Nature Safe Fertilizer. **Steve Adamczyk** of the Grand Rapids, Mich., office was named the top salesman in the world, and **Eric Denoyer** of Traverse City, Mich., was recognized as holding the No. 2 honor.

Becky Gauthier joined Profile Products LLC as a technical service associate.

Quali-Pro hired **Larry Blackledge** as West Coast area manager. Blackledge most recently served as technical sales representative with Nichino America. Prior to that, he held Sales positions with Nu-Gro Technologies, AgrEvo USA and Wilbur Ellis Co.

The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation's 2008 officers and trustees are: President **Todd Voss**, superintendent of Double Eagle Club in Galena, Ohio; Vice President **Dan Walter**, superintendent of City of Blue Ash Golf Course near Cincinnati; and Treasurer **Joe Enciso** of Century Equipment.

FarmLinks LLC named **Blake Garrett** as the new experience manager of The Experience at FarmLinks. He will connect directly with the more than

















1,200 golf course superintendents and golf professionals who visit the facility each year. Garrett was golf course superintendent at FarmLinks.

Hunter Industries promoted **Steve Abernethy** to executive vice president of sales and **Gregory Hunter** to executive vice president of marketing. Abernethy will have complete responsibility for both domestic and international sales operations, and the current marketing organization will now report to Hunter.

