Pure Seed attacked
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with a butterfly.

Pure Seed Testing is owned by Bill Rose, who also owns Turf-Seed Inc. He said his company will have to absorb the loss because insurance covered only seed and seed stock, not experimental plants.

E-MAIL COMMUNIQUE
In an e-mail communiqué to the company and media outlets, the Anarchist Group apparently believed that Pure Seed was conducting genetic engineering work on grasses, Fricker said. "The irony of it is that they were told that golf "is the sport of the aristocrat and the poser aristocrat." Among the "tips" offered by the anonymous author were these:

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• Hit the greens first, and repeatedly." — Jay Finegan

Researcher follows anti-golf groups

Barry Clausen, a specialist in eco-terrorism, said there are several groups in the country that see golf courses as "an evil." Clausen, of Redding, Calif., has written a book, soon to be released, called "Dancing Rage — The Growing Anger Within My Country." He said the movement is led by people who think all mining is bad, all logging is bad, all golfing is bad. They recruit high school and college kids, who get brainwashed, and the result is the kind of destruction you see at Pure Seed.

A golfer enthusiast himself, Clausen said the attackers "probably didn't care that no genetic research was going on. It's about sabotaging golf courses. They hate golf courses, because in order to build them you have to tear up natural areas." According to Clausen, golf courses have been on the eco-terrorism hit list since 1995, when the Earth First Journal advocated sabotaging courses and described how to do it.

"There are numerous courses across the country where they have blown up the greens," he said. "At one resort in Washington state, they tore up nine greens and then put a stink bomb in the ventilation system during a convention. There was also a bombing on the PGA Tour, in Akron, Ohio, where a bomb went off in a trash can and two people were injured. PGA officials said a kid had thrown an M-80 in there, but it was a bomb. I got the reports from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms."

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