

## Bravo Toro Bravo!

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Well, it finally happened. The design engineers at Toro finally constructed a machine that I feel will revolutionize one phase of golf course work; aerification. The Toro Hydroject is just the machine to accomplish this task.

I know that I am going out on a limb by raining praises on a prototype machine that I have not even seen yet, but so far the results of this machine's field trials have been outstanding!

The Hydroject concept of using water to aerify versus core aerification is so strikingly simple it makes you wonder when the wheel will be redesigned.

This engineering marvel is not without a price. The initial investment may be costly, but within two years time the Hydroject will pay for itself in man hours saved.

Imagine this: no more cleaning, dragging, verticutting, or whatever your process is for removing aerification cores. No more dull reels from the sand or soil pulled on the green surface during aerification. No more giant crews involved to get this whole process done ahead of play.

Instead: one man who aerifies faster than any machine now available. Then mow your green if you wish and ... relax...

The one problem that I foresee that may occur with the Hydroject is it's use on soil greens. The holes it leaves may be too clean and if the soil is too dense it may not be able to fill in the core. Many courses are converting soil greens to sand greens now by core aerifying and sand top dressing afterwards. Once the green has reached the appropriate sand consistency it's time to get in line and convert to a Hydroject.

I hope that I don't sound like a Toro commercial. I really hope that I don't end up eating crow either. But after being a mechanic for seven years I'm very happy to see that someone has their head screwed on right.

Bravo, Toro, bravo!

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To address growing concerns related to current pesticide application practices, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency, is reprinting **Integrated Pest Management for Turfgrass and Ornamentals**, a compendium of articles on "IPM". GCSAA is underwriting the cost of reprinting the book in order to ensure its availability to golf superintendents and other turfgrass managers.

The book contains articles that explain how to avoid unnecessary use of chemicals by advocating careful monitoring of pesticide applications. By stressing the judicious use of pesticides and herbicides through an IPM philosophy, golf superintendents can reduce their reliance on chemicals in maintaining their courses.

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