



## Ewoldt certified in environmental specialty

CHESTERTON, Ind. — Don Ewoldt, director of grounds at Sand Creek Country Club here, has earned an environmental management specialist certificate from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) for completing a specialization program for Employee Safety and Right-To-Know. Ewoldt had previously earned specializations in Integrated Plant Management, Underground Storage Tanks, and Water Quality and Application.

GCSAA is addressing the environmental impact of golf course maintenance and the increasingly complex training needs of golf course su-

perintendents by offering specialized training through its Environmental Management Program (EMP). Due to increasing demands regarding employee safety and right-to-know issues, course work in this area was designed to strengthen understanding of employee training requirements to meet the standards implemented by regulatory agencies for safety in the work environment.

Superintendents may choose to complete one or more of the EMP specializations, each of which is composed of a series of continuing education seminars.

## USGA to educate developers

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new projects so we can help developers and others make good decisions before construction begins."

Moore emphasized the Construction Education Program is far different from the ill-fated TRACS program, which was first proposed several years ago but never got off the ground.

Critics viewed TRACS as a quality-control program that would have made Green Section agronomists critical overseers of

an architect's and builder's work. The two groups were unhappy about the USGA assuming that role and TRACS never saw the light of day.

The Construction Education Program, on the other hand, is intended to be a resource that any interested party can tap into before starting construction, allowing them to make informed choices regarding the entire construction process, Moore explained.

"One of the biggest problems for anyone doing a construction project is simply getting in touch with people capable of doing the job," Moore said. "The web site we're developing, for instance, will have a resources page with the Golf Course Builders Association of America's membership list. Anyone who accesses that page can get information about a particular builder and then link to the builder's web site, if one exists. Links are included for architects, blenders, suppliers, formulators, etc."

Moore believes the most important aspect of the program, however, will be the seminars, which will be available at a minimal charge to any golf association or group. While organizations like the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America give occasional lectures on course construction, "and do a good job of it," Moore said, "when you're talking about things like USGA-spec greens, we'd like to see a USGA official there to discuss it."

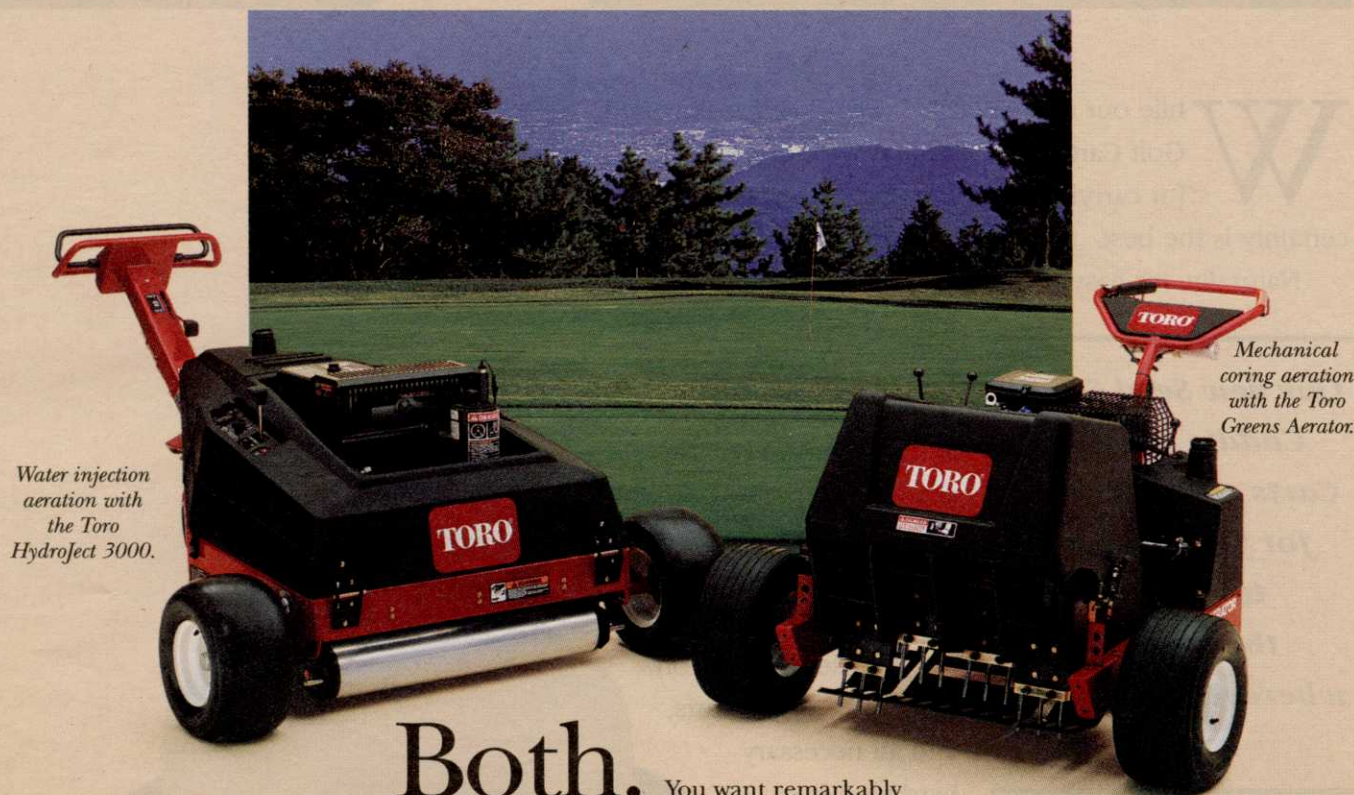
"We don't see ourselves as being in competition with the GCSAA or anyone else. A lot of this information simply isn't out there. Say someone wanted to rebuild a bunker at his course. We'd be able to provide five or more case studies on how that job was handled elsewhere. We can do the same thing for building new tees, installing irrigation systems, rebuilding greens or whatever."

Moore is perhaps the most knowledgeable Green Section staffer regarding course construction. A graduate of Texas A&M's agronomy school, Moore worked on many construction projects during his seven years as a head superintendent and has consulted at hundreds of courses during his 12 years on the Green Section staff.

"They [USGA] were looking for someone with a combination of talents to do this job," Moore said. "They wanted someone who loves to talk in front of a group of people, was computer literate and had a lot of experience in the construction area."

Paul Vermuelen will replace Moore as Mid-Continent regional director and Brian Maloy of Arlington, Texas, will be the new agronomist, covering Moore's former area.

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