

## ADAM MOELLER JOINS THE GREEN SECTION STAFF AS NORTHEAST REGION AGRONOMIST



The USGA takes pride in announcing the addition of Agronomist Adam Moeller to the Green Section staff in the Northeast Region. Adam will be working directly with Dave Oatis, visiting golf courses in the states of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

Adam is a graduate of Purdue University with an M.S. degree from the Department of Agronomy. His graduate research involved evaluating thatch management practices for new bentgrass cultivars grown on sand-based greens.

Adam, a Wisconsin native, received his B.S. degree in horticulture from the University of Wisconsin. He has gained experience working as a summer intern on several golf courses, and he was selected to participate in the USGA Green Section Internship Program in 2007.

Adam brings with him a strong enthusiasm for the Green Section, and he is anxious to share his knowledge with golf courses in the Northeast Region. We welcome Adam to the staff and wish him a long and successful tenure with the Green Section.

## GREEN SECTION INTERNSHIPS AWARDED FOR 2008

For the 11th year, the USGA Green Section has awarded internships to outstanding turfgrass management students. During 2008, the Green Section will provide the opportunity for 14 students to travel with the Green Section staff on Turf Advisory Service visits. Each intern will travel for one week with an agronomist in his or her region between the months of May and August. The goal of the internship program is to provide students with a broader view of the golf course industry and the opportunity to learn about golf course maintenance through the perspective of the Green Section agronomists. More information about the internship program can be found on the USGA Green Section Web site at [http://www.usga.org/turf/internship/2008\\_internship.html](http://www.usga.org/turf/internship/2008_internship.html).

Intern Name	Year	University	Advisor
Jeffrey Atkinson	M.S. Program	Clemson University	Dr. Haibo Liu
Brad DeBels	M.S. Program	University of Wisconsin	Dr. Doug Soldat
Adriana Espinosa	Ph.D. Program	University of Florida	Dr. Jason Dettman-Kruse
Matthew Goddard	Ph.D. Program	Virginia Tech	Dr. Shawn Askew
Greg Groover	Senior	University of Georgia	Dr. Keith Karnok
Chad Kosel	Senior	Oregon State University	Prof. Tom Cook
Dustin Lewis	M.S. Program	University of Tennessee	Dr. John Sorochan
Benjamin McGraw	Ph.D. Program	Rutgers University	Dr. Albrecht Koppenhöfer
Alex Meincken	Senior	Eastern Kentucky University	Prof. Carla Isaacs Hagan
Matthew Naedel	Senior	Penn State	Prof. Jeffrey Borger
Jay Richards	M.S. Program	University of Arkansas	Dr. Doug Karcher
Brian Tencza	Junior	University of Connecticut	Dr. Steven Rackliffe
Cole Thompson	Senior	Kansas State University	Dr. Jack Fry
Neil Young	M.S. Program	University of Florida	Dr. Jason Dettman-Kruse

## INFORMATION RESOURCE

The Turf Advisory Service is the heart of the Green Section's activities. Each staff member travels and speaks with superintendents, Green Committee members, and course officials at 100-plus courses each year. Their activities provide a unique perspective, available through no one else in the industry.

Although you may not communicate regularly with your Green Section agronomist throughout the summer, you can take advantage of what he observes in the field. The USGA Web site offers regional updates written by the Green Section agronomists, providing a brief synopsis of activities and problems taking place in each area of the country. Your course may be experiencing a problem that others are dealing with as well. The Web site update may provide some useful information to help you communicate with your golfers. These updates help keep people informed of the latest happenings in the region and provide helpful hints for recovering from unexpected troubles. The site can be found at: [http://www.usga.org/turf/regional\\_updates/regional\\_updates.html](http://www.usga.org/turf/regional_updates/regional_updates.html).

## NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

The 2007 *Turfgrass and Environmental Research Summary* is now available free of charge through the USGA Order Department (800-336-4446). The research summary provides a one-page synopsis of each research project currently being funded by the USGA's Turfgrass and Environmental Research Program. This publication is appropriate for researchers, university extension personnel, and golf course superintendents who are interested in learning about the latest results from the program. Request publication NS 1646.