Addison Barden has recently been named as the new agronomist for the USGA Green Section's Northeast Region. He is based in the Glen Mills, PA office as he joins the Northeast Region agronomy staff - Dave Oatis, Elliott Dowling, Adam Moeller and Jim Skorulski.

Addison has a strong enthusiasm for the golf industry, and is eager to share his knowledge with the region. We welcome Addison to the USGA Green Section team.

Addison Barden earned a M.S. degree in Turfgrass Science with a minor in Entomology from Florida A&M University while serving as a teaching assistant at Auburn University while he obtained his master's degree in Entomology and Plant Pathology. His B.S. degree in Agronomy and Soils (emphasis in turfgrass management) was earned from The Pennsylvania State University. Addison has additional experience at North Jersey Country Club (Wayne, NJ) and Ibis Golf and Country Club (West Palm Beach, FL). During graduate school, he was a graduate research assistant at the University of Florida specializing in Entomology and Turfgrass Science. He has a strong background in diagnosis and management of turfgrass insects, disease problems with heat tolerance, cold tolerance, disease and uneven growth (just to name a few), can make it a difficult species to grow and maintain.

Addison brings to the USGA a rich combination of academics focused in plant insects and entomology, and a love for plant pathogens. His understanding of the bigger picture, coupled with broad practical experience at golf courses in both the north and south, will help him be a valuable asset to the Green Section's agronomy team.

Addison is a native of North Carolina, where he grew up playing golf and was introduced to the counterintuitive world of golf course management. His interest in the business side of golf stems from his love for the game, and his desire to share his knowledge and passion with the golfing community.

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Addison's work at the USGA will focus on providing guidance and support to golf courses across the country. He will work closely with the Green Section's agronomy team to develop and implement best management practices for turfgrass and environmental stewardship. He will also work with the Green Section's Course Consulting Service to provide advice and support to golf courses.

Addison is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Society of Agronomy and the Entomological Society of America. He is excited to join the USGA Green Section team and look forward to working with golfers across the country to help them maintain beautiful and sustainable golf courses.