



Paul Vermeulen

Vermeulen to Head Up Mid-Continent Region

Paul Vermeulen has been selected to assume the position of Director, Mid-Continent Region, left vacant by Jim Moore's move to the USGA's new Construction Education Program.

Paul brings a wealth of experience to his new position, having served as agronomist in the Western Region from 1987 to 1995 before relocating to the Mid-Continent Region last year. During his time in the Western Region he also assisted other regions in making Turf Advisory Service visits, making him one of the most widely traveled agronomists on staff. While overseeing the activities of the Mid-Continent Region, he will concentrate his TAS efforts in the states of Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. Joining him to make TAS visits in the southern half of the region will be Brian Maloy.

Since joining the Green Section, Vermeulen has made more than 1,000 TAS visits throughout the country, written extensively for trade publications, and spoken at countless meetings and conferences. An undergraduate of Michigan State University, this Michigan native also received a Master of Science degree in Agronomy at Texas A&M University under the direction of Dr. James Beard. Paul will direct the region's activities from his current office in Mahomet, Illinois. The voice you hear answering the office telephone is his Office Coordinator and wife, Julie.

James Moore Takes the Lead on New USGA Program

James Moore, former director of the Mid-Continent Region of the USGA Green Section, has been named to the newly created position of Director, Construction Education Programs.

The program will begin by emphasizing the development of educational



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materials and seminars related to green construction issues and will expand to include golf course construction issues of all types. The format will take a *train-the-trainer* approach for golf course architects, builders, developer representatives, and golf course superintendents facing either new course construction or extensive renovation.

Jim served as director of the Green Section's Mid-Continent Region starting in 1985. During that time he completed more than 1,200 Turf Advisory Service visits, authored more than 50 articles in various magazines and books, and delivered more than 175 educational lectures and seminars. In addition to Jim's Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy from Texas A&M University, he worked as a golf course superintendent and has extensive hands-on experience in golf maintenance and construction issues.

Jim brings to the Construction Education Program a love for public speaking, computers, and the science behind golf course construction to lend to his new role with the USGA. Jim will continue to work out of his office in Waco, Texas.



Brian Maloy

Brian Maloy Joins the USGA Green Section

The USGA is pleased to welcome Brian Maloy as the newest agronomist on the Green Section staff. Brian will join Paul Vermeulen in the Mid-Continent Region and will provide Turf Advisory Service visits primarily in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico.

Brian has extensive experience in the turfgrass industry, and for the past

ten years he has been located in Texas. Most recently, he managed operations as the construction superintendent at Great Southwest Golf Course in Grand Prairie, Texas. He oversaw the \$1.3-million renovation and management of the private 18-hole golf course, including its new USGA greens, total bunker renovation, irrigation system upgrading, and many other aesthetic improvements.

Prior to his management of Great Southwest Golf Course, Brian spent time at Indian Creek Golf Course in Carillon, Texas, before moving on to the superintendent position at Oakridge Country Club in Garland, Texas.

An Iowa native, Brian studied at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he received a Master of Science degree in Horticulture and Bachelor of Science degrees in Agronomy and Horticulture. Brian and wife Maureen have two daughters, seven-year-old Mallory and 3-year-old Alliene. He will be based in Dallas, Texas.

Physical Soil Testing Laboratories*

The following laboratories are accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA), having demonstrated ongoing competency in testing materials specified in the USGA's Recommendations for Putting Green Construction. The USGA recommends that only A2LA-accredited laboratories be used for testing and analyzing materials for building greens according to our guidelines.

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