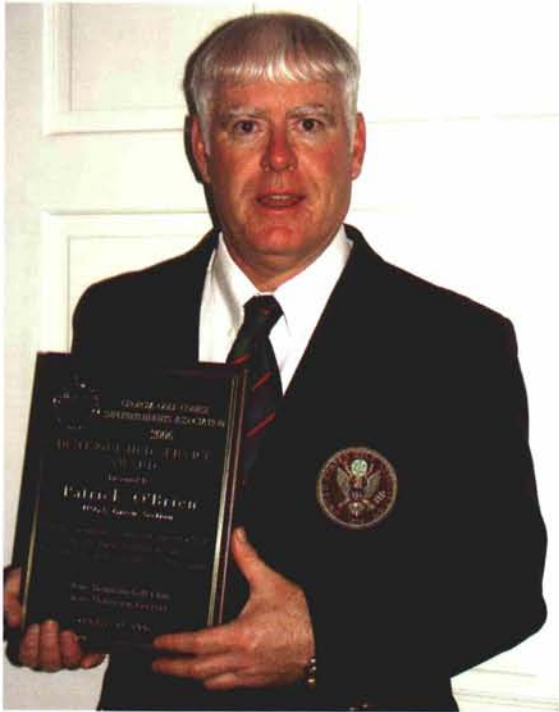


News Notes

O'BRIEN LAUDED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



Patrick O'Brien, director of the USGA Green Section Southeast Region, was honored by the Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association (GGCSA) with its 2006 Distinguished Service Award. The annual award is presented for outstanding service to the GGCSA and the advancement of the golf course superintendent profession. The plaque was presented by GGCSA President Richard Staughton, CGCS. Patrick joined the USGA Green Section staff in 1979.

TY McCLELLAN JOINS THE GREEN SECTION STAFF AS MID-CONTINENT AGRONOMIST

The USGA Green Section is proud to announce that Ty McClellan has joined the Mid-Continent Region as an agronomist. He will be working with Bud White, who has been promoted to director of the Mid-Continent Region, after the departure of Paul Vermeulen, who left the staff in November 2006.

Ty holds an M.S. degree in horticulture, specializing in turfgrass science, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Most recently he worked at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America as a chapter liaison for organizational development in their Member Services Department. In 2003, Ty was selected as one of the 15 students from across the country to participate in the USGA Green Section Internship Program, during which he spent a week making Turf Advisory Service visits with Green Section agronomists.

Ty will be making Turf Advisory Service visits in the states of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, and Illinois. The USGA Green Section staff welcomes him aboard and wishes him much success.



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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