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## **The Toro Company Helps Historic Venues Prepare for the 2005 Open Championships**

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – June 2, 2005 - When today's greatest golfers step on the course during the 2005 U.S. Open at Pinehurst and The Open at St. Andrews, they'll be vying for championships on two of golf's most storied venues. Both are rich in history and familiar to golf's legends. In addition, both are familiar with The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC). Toro has built strong relationships with golf courses for nearly a century. Today, Toro provides commercial maintenance equipment, irrigation systems and superior local support to both venues as well as to golf courses worldwide.

"Professional tournaments continue to raise the bar in golf by ensuring the game's most rigorous and fair tests of skill," said Mike Hoffman, president and CEO of The Toro Company. "As the game evolves, so does Toro. We are committed to developing innovative solutions to help achieve optimal course conditions, and we are proud to partner with Pinehurst and St. Andrews to provide superior golf experiences."

Toro equipment has cared for Pinehurst Number 2 since 1927. In fact, Toro is a leading supplier of golf course irrigation and maintenance equipment worldwide. By developing innovative technologies, providing top-notch equipment and building strong relationships with golf course managers, Toro is committed to providing championship-caliber service for all golf venues.

"Toro works hard to eliminate the problems that keep superintendents up at night," Hoffman added. "This is especially critical for those managing at the championship level, but equally beneficial for the average course in a competitive environment or a private course with demanding members. One of our latest innovations is an aerator with tires that does not run over the cores. What sounds so simple actually translates to easier clean up and less mess on the green. It's a difference golfers notice and superintendents appreciate."

In addition to golf course partnerships, Toro's equipment and expertise are utilized at a variety of other athletic venues including Wimbledon, various Athens Olympic facilities, all outdoor Super Bowl venues, the University of Notre Dame, soccer's World Cup and Disney's Wide World of Sports(R) complex.

About The Toro Company:

The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC), with \$1.6 billion in sales annually, is a leading provider of outdoor maintenance and beautification products for home, recreation, and commercial landscapes around the world. Together with its distributors, Toro provides innovative products, agronomic expertise and exemplary service that helps consumers and professionals maintain their landscapes. Visit the company website at <http://www.thetorocompany.com> . Distributor information is available at 1-800-803-8676.