THE IMPACT OF GOLF CARTS ON COURSE MAINTENANCE

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Some golf facilities have noticed increased damage to turf from heavy play by golf carts. Carts must be removed from the course at night, and they cannot travel on the fairways when the turf is dormant. Golf courses can have some of the best turf in the world, but they cannot withstand the abuse from heavy play each winter.

Additionally, there are some golf facilities that continue to overseed out of fear that the underlying base stand of bermudagrass will not be enough to handle the winter abuse. However, the bermudagrass in these facilities has been able to perform well with routine applications of fertilizer and pigment.

SWITCHING FROM TRADITIONAL TO ‘LIQUID’ OVERSEEDING

A SUCCESSFUL CASE STUDY MAY CHANGE YOUR GOLF FACILITY’S DECISION ON OVERSEEDING

In the past, most golf courses overseeded their bermudagrass greens and tees with a mixture of grass species. This practice has become ‘paper thin’ in the minds of many superintendents. However, the USGA Green Section is looking at ‘liquid’ overseeding that could have a profound impact on turf quality.

RETURN OF THE TRIPLEX

AN OLD RELIABLE MACHINE FOR MOWING PUTTING GREENS HAS MADE A BIG COMEBACK

A couple of years ago, a machine was manufactured that was a triplicated version of the original triplex greens mower, Jacobsen’s Greens King. Jacobsen is well known for this machine, and it has been developed over the past few years. This machine has now come back to the USGA Green Section.

The triplicated version of the Greens King can perform just as well as the original triplex, but it can cut a course much faster. It is the time of the year when many superintendents are breaking out the covers to protect their bermudagrass greens during the winter months. It is the time of year when it is a great idea to use the triplicated version of the Greens King.

Have you ever sampled the full profile of your sand-based putting greens? The USGA is funding research at the University of California-Davis to determine if your sand-based putting greens are being over-lowered or over-aerated. This research will help you understand how your greens are maintained and how they can be improved.

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The impact of golf carts on course maintenance is interesting and is highly correlated with turf quality. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and it is up to the superintendents to decide if golfers enjoy playing on the course with golf carts or if they prefer the cart-free option. It is the time of the year when many superintendents are breaking out the covers to protect their bermudagrass greens during the winter months.

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