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Three tools will be reviewed that can be used to quantify or measure these variables, and three applications for use at golf courses are offered.

THE BIG THREE OF PUTTING GREEN SETUP:

FIRMNESS, SLOPE AND SPEED

The USGA Stimpmeter measures green speed and provides valuable information to assist golf course superintendents.

We all have friends that love the snow while others thrive in the 100 degree temperature of the desert. With that in mind, it might come as a surprise to many that when James Walker Tufts first purchased 5,800 acres of land in the Sandhills region of North Carolina in 1895, some considered the purchase foolish, even at the time.

MID-CONTINENT REGION

The USGA Green Section is broken into eight regions with each staffed by Green Section agronomists. Every two weeks USGA agronomists provide updates outlining current issues and concerns. The USGA Green Section staff provides regional updates through email, social media and webinars. Each region has its own unique characteristics that can affect how the grass is maintained. More than likely, you won't find this information in a book, periodical or other media. The USGA Green Section staff can also help answer some questions on various topics including, but not limited to, different species of grass, how to control weeds, how to properly establish and maintain a quality turfgrass, how to diagnose potential problems, how to deal with some of the environmental stressors and so on.

If cold weather has caused your revenues are up for this Portland, Ore., business, that is enough cause to remove Canada geese from your golf course. The grounds crew can use the USGA Green Section's database of information to assist in making educated decisions.

The USGA Course Consulting Service provides the solid foundation needed to develop a sound maintenance plan using a team approach. The team can help evaluate the impact of trees on the playability of the course or develop a plan for the overall health of the course.