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One can only imagine the amount of money that golfers annually spend trying to keep course contours visible and playability high. Green contours and, in some cases, fairway contours can be lost due to the effects of natural erosion, poor efforts to maintain them, or challenging topographical conditions. Frequently, when contours are lost, they can be a source of frustration for golfers and management alike. The loss of contours can lead to error in shot location and can increase the chance of lost balls. Sometimes, the added difficulty of poor shot location may even result in the use of excessive club selection. In addition, poor contours can result in a loss of playability due to excessive run-off or divots that can be a source of frustration.

However, by improving contours, not only is the playability of golfers improved, but the aesthetics of the course are enhanced. Most golfers are familiar with the plusses of Windsor, Suncadia, and other courses that are known for their unique contouring. The aesthetics of a course with this kind of contouring are of much higher quality than one that is not cared for. For this reason, the investment in this program will help improve the aesthetics of a course.

Improving contours on a budget is a program that can be accomplished by any facility. In fact, the level of commitment required to accomplish this objective can be on any level. For the person that wishes to improve the aesthetics of a course without investing a lot of money, the program can be accomplished in a relatively short period of time. On the other hand, for the person that is willing to commit time to the project, the program can be accomplished over a much longer period of time.

When is the best time to water turf? At night or during the day? The answer will help you better understand golf's use of water, why golfers change up their routine, and spend some time on a fairway. You will learn how to better manage your turf and your water with some of the easiest tips on the golf course.

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These blogs provide valuable information for both golf course superintendents and golf enthusiasts who are interested in learning more about the golf industry and the care that goes into maintaining a golf course. The blogs cover a wide range of topics, including greenkeeping, course design, course management, and industry news.

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**FLORIDA REGION**

The unusually cool spring has likely impacted their game. This update features recent weather has resulted in a flush of signalgrass or sedges. How do you control weeds like goosegrass, tropical signalgrass, or sedges? The committee also heard several presentations from researchers at the University of Georgia. Projects funded by the program. The committee reviewed summaries of 58 research projects that received a total of $1,000,000.

**NORTHWEST REGION**

Gary Jacobsen, Jacobsen Turf Projects' vice president, plants the seeds of sales success. Jacobsen, who was a USGA Green Section Record columnist, emphasized the importance of sales training and the need to offer golfers a clear and concise plan to improve their game. Jacobsen shared how his company has successfully marketed its products through the use of educational seminars and consulting services.

**MID-ATLANTIC REGION**

The challenge of maintaining a golf course continues to face greenkeepers and superintendents in the mid-Atlantic region. Despite aggressive control strategies, many courses across the country are working to reduce the amount of water they use. But what if I told you of a program that could have a significant and very positive effect on playability at most golf courses and can usually be accomplished without tremendous expense? It probably sounds too good to be true, but the fact is many golf facilities do this every year. The jury is still out on how much this program will ultimately save golfers, but regardless of the money saved, the results are often so significant and so pleasing that many golfers will appreciate the added value.

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