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CENTRAL REGION

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NORTHEAST REGION

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WEST REGION

Every golf course has at least one - the putting green that never seems to perform as well as the others. In other instances, many greens on a golf course may fail to meet the expectations of the golfer. Regardless of the number of greens involved, frustration and even anger boil over when putting green quality does not live up to golfer expectations. Fortunately, options are available to improve problem greens. Although problem greens will not be perfect overnight, improvements can be made to improve putting green performance over time.

TROUBLESHOOTING PROBLEM GREENS

Troubleshooting problem greens starts with identifying the factors that can limit putting green performance. This should be followed by evaluating each green to determine whether overnight, improvements can be made to improve putting green performance over time.

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