Golf's Most Common Weed-Control Challenges

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When applied to golf courses, the definition offered by Aldrich (1984) holds true: a weed is a plant that originated in a natural environment and, in response to imposed or natural environments, has evolved, and continues to do so, as an interfering associate with functional turfgrass quality, but also that they are a product of both the natural growing environment and imposed maintenance practices.

When is the last time you checked the depth of the sand in your bunkers? Maintaining proper sand depth has a profound impact on the playability and performance of bunkers. Fortunately, creative techniques can be used to improve efficiency and uniformity when adjusting bunker sand depth.

Reduced root depth and density can necessitate a change in water management and cultural programs like aeration. As the dog days of summer come to an end, remember to consider the stresses that have affected turf root systems at your course.

Looking for a unique way to motivate staff at your golf course? One Wyoming superintendent is using to motivate golf course maintenance staff.

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