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ALL THINGS CONSIDERED - A USGA STAFF OPINION

CAN DISEASE BE LINKED TO POOR BERMUDAGRASS TRANSITION?

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overseeded with perennial ryegrass in mid-December 2013.

spring transition than once previously thought.

In the Desert Southwest, some diseases may be more active during

Turf diseases like large patch and bermudagrass decline historically have not been identified as significant stresses that may delay bermudagrass recovery following overseeding. Is there a possibility that these organisms are responsible for more damage to bermudagrass than previously credited?

The objective of this article is to increase awareness of these diseases in the Desert Southwest and to discuss options for turf managers should they observe disease symptoms at their facility. **Read More**

PUTTING GREEN COLLAR PROBLEMS AND HOW TO PREVENT THEM

COLLARS RECEIVE CONSTANT ABUSE THAT OFTEN GOES UNNOTICED UNTIL THEIR APPEARANCE AND PLAYABILITY **DECLINE**

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operators to turn on the collar, which has declined due to mechanical stress caused by concentrated traffic.

many golf courses in recent years. Most golfers do not realize the constant abuse imposed on the narrow strip of turf that separates the putting green from its surrounds, which can lead to turfgrass decline that is unsightly and detrimental to playability. More importantly, golfers often perceive collar problems as a shortcoming of maintenance practices or neglect. In some instances this may be true, but in most cases it is not. Understanding the factors that affect collar performance offers the opportunity to allocate resources for additional maintenance programs to reduce turfgrass problems on collars. It may also help golfers and course officials realize the challenges facing collars throughout the growing season. The primary causes of collar decline must be identified and understood

Putting green collar (or apron) management has been challenging for

before collar problems can be prevented. Keep in mind that the factors discussed in this article are often found in combination with each other. **Read More**



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"A COMMITTEE IS A GROUP THAT KEEPS MINUTES AND LOSES HOURS." -MILTON BERLE

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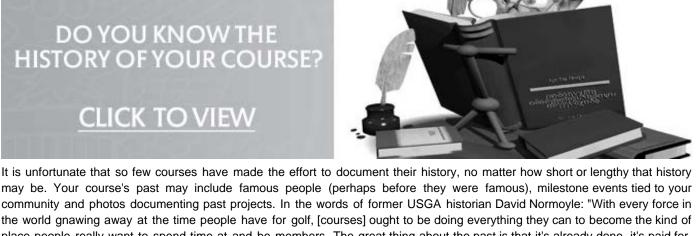
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