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Many golf courses removed rakes from their bunkers for various amounts of time during the COVID-19 pandemic. While most have brought the rakes back, Inwood Country Club on Long Island has decided to continue going rakeless. There have been some lively debates at the course on this topic, but there have also been some clearly measurable benefits in areas like pace of play and maintenance efficiency. Removing rakes was also a logical continuation of their efforts to bring back a style of golf at Inwood that is more natural and less artificial. Going rakeless might not be for every course, but Inwood's story certainly provides some interesting food for thought.

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Long stretches of dry weather can be challenging for golf courses, even with a good irrigation system. Here's a few ways courses can manage dry weather today and prepare for the future.

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#### In Case You Missed It

Golfers have a wide range of demographic characteristics, skill levels, motivations for playing, and varying amounts of time and resources to devote toward golf. In the July 1 issue of the USGA Green Section Record, we presented new research that classifies golfers into eight archetypes that courses can use to better understand their customers and improve their experience.



#### **Coming Up Next Issue**

Rising water costs, water restrictions and extended periods of drought have many courses looking to save water. For courses with coolseason grasses in relatively warm climates, converting fairways to bermudagrass is an increasingly popular option. In the August 5 issue of the USGA Green Section Record, we look at the costs, benefits and processes involved in making this switch.

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