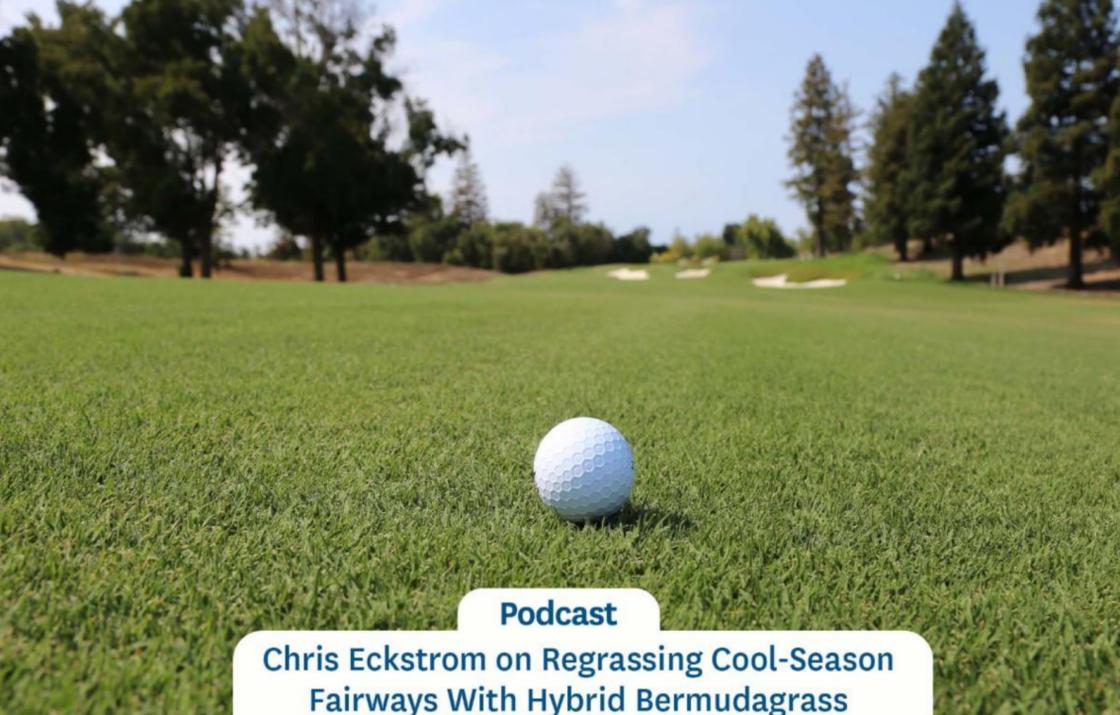


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Podcast

Chris Eckstrom on Regrassing Cool-Season Fairways With Hybrid Bermudagrass

Menlo Country Club is in the San Francisco Bay Area, where the temperate climate has generally led golf courses to favor cool-season grasses. However, the region is also prone to extended periods of drought and golf courses like Menlo face rising water costs and the risk of water restrictions. As a result, an increasing number of courses in the area are utilizing warm-season grasses to improve playing conditions and increase drought-readiness. In the latest episode of our fairway regrassing series, Menlo Country Club superintendent Chris Eckstrom talks about making the switch to hybrid bermudagrass fairways and how it has the course well positioned for the future.

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PGRs are a common part of creeping bentgrass putting green management, but could they be doing more harm than good at certain times of the year? In the February 3 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record*, we'll look at the potential benefits of dropping PGRs from bentgrass putting green programs for part or all of the year.

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