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[A New Hue](#) - A guide to using colorants to enhance the color and growth of fine turfgrass in the southwestern U.S.

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THE HIGH LEVEL OF TURF MAINTENANCE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A USGA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MAY SURPRISE YOU COURSE PREPARATION FOR A USGA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - WHAT'S THE FUSS?



Course setup begins from the first and tenth tees at first light during practice rounds through the first few days of the competition. Setup crews proceed from tee to green on every golf hole.

Golfers raved about course conditions after the recent club championship. The greens were smooth; slick as ice. And how about those impossible "never been there before" hole locations? Fairway striping patterns rivaled the intricate mowing patterns of the Major League Baseball All-Star Game. Bunkers have never been firmer or more consistent. Perhaps you hear the ultimate compliment in the clubhouse... "we could have hosted the U.S. Open today!"

Assume the playing surfaces could indeed challenge the cream of the world's professional and amateur golfers. Could you sustain this high level of course conditioning throughout an entire week of competition? Before answering, let's discuss the scope of maintenance practices associated with hosting a typical national championship. To put it another way, just what is so special about course conditioning for a USGA national championship and why?

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HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY OR ON THE GOLF COURSE IS A GREAT COMMUNICATION TOOL AND EDUCATION VENUE GOLF COURSE "OPEN HOUSE"



During the open house, this aerator was equipped with three different tines to provide side-by-side comparisons of the three aeration strategies employed throughout the year on greens.

We live in the age of the "light switch mentality." For instance, golfers believe that we, as turfgrass managers, can simply flip a switch and speed up the greens; or flip a switch and make turfgrass diseases go away; or flip a switch and make the course firm and fast. I wish I had a light switch because this profession would be a piece of cake. To overcome the "light switch mentality," we must communicate effectively to show golfers that the light will only be switched on through the understanding of what

actually takes place on a day-by-day basis.

A recent survey revealed that 90 percent of golf course superintendents believed most golfers did not know what superintendents do on a daily basis. But, over 90 percent of superintendents said that communication is the most important skill to their success. This begs the question, "Are we, as superintendents, doing our job of really communicating with and educating our golfers?"

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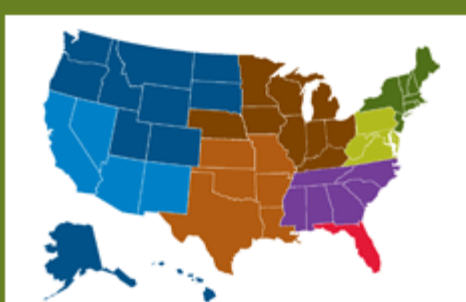
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