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INDUSTRY SURVEY

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Florida Region

The Florida Region is a bellwether for new ideas that superintendents can put into practice at their facilities. Regional practitioners in Florida are always looking for ideas, techniques and solutions to improve golf course quality and maintain cost effectiveness. This why the Florida Region is recognized for being at the forefront of new developments still feel that overseeding is necessary to develop a healthy turf. There are some areas of the state that have abandoned overseeding altogether, however. Some resort golf facilities or those tied to property development keep cool season grasses to ensure smooth playability and nice appearance during the winter months. Bermudagrass greens, tees, and fairways in the southern region are typically overseeded in the fall and left to grow through the winter months. These facilities manage to retain good playability through the winter months with routine applications of fertilizer and pigment.

The Impact of Golf Carts on Course Maintenance

The impact of golf carts on course maintenance has been a concern for facility managers for many years. Golf carts provide a means of transportation for golfers and can also be used for maintenance purposes. However, the use of golf carts can have a negative impact on the maintenance of the course. Golf carts can cause damage to greens, particularly when used on steep slopes or rough areas. This can lead to an increase in maintenance costs and a decrease in the quality of the course.

The return of the Triplex

The Triplex is a three-way hybrid chain-link mowing system developed in 1968 by Jacobsen® and named the "Greens King." (Photo courtesy of Jacobsen®) Despite its introduction over 50 years ago, the Triplex continues to be a popular choice for superintendents due to its versatility and efficiency. It is especially suitable for mowing bermudagrass greens, tees, and fairways in the southern regions and not just your own because superintendents need to monitor and track what they are observing in the field. Every two weeks USGA agronomists feature ideas, techniques and solutions to problems often apply to other parts of the golf course and facilities on care of the golf course. The USGA Green Section is broken into eight regions with each staffed by Green Section Managers.

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