There will also be plenty of time for questions and answers regarding any aspect of bunkers - what works and what doesn’t, innovative technology to help your course conserve resources.

These sessions highlight a collection of some of the most important issues and delivers “real-world” solutions to agronomists of the USGA Green Section see almost every problem in golf course maintenance and management. Many of these agronomists are some of the most prominent and respected in their field, and they discuss their experiences and insights.

The Green Section is pleased to once again be a part of the Club Managers Association of America’s World Conference and Club Business Expo. The CMAA 87th World Conference and Club Business Expo will be held Monday through Thursday, February 5-6, 2014, at the Marriott, Orlando World Center, Orlando, Florida.

Also highlighted will be the Green Section’s most prestigious honor - the 2014 Green Section Award. The Green Section Award recognizes an individual’s distinguished service to the game of golf through his or her work with the Green Section. Each recipient is a long-time advocate for the game of golf and its evolution and growth.

The Green Section's booth is a popular stop for show attendees and as always, this is your chance to visit one-on-one with representatives from the Green Section and learn some of the latest technology and management techniques. To help you with your new responsibility, the USGA has placed a great deal of information on our website. And, if you’re unable to attend, you can visit the course care section of usga.org.

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IS GOLFER ETIQUETTE A THING OF THE PAST?

Who hasn’t heard the stories? It’s your turn to help care for the golf course. But what are these traditions? How did they start? And, why are they becoming outdated?

Flossmoor, Ill. With few exceptions, his insight is as accurate today as it was in 1973. First, take a few minutes to read an article written by Mr. Eugene L. Johnson, then Green Chair of Flossmoor CC in Illinois. To help you with your new responsibility, the USGA has placed a great deal of information on our website. And, if you’re unable to attend, you can visit the course care section of usga.org.

In the past, there was no issue with courtesy; players cleaned up after themselves. No one was growing up to inherit a world where the next generation was taught that it’s the responsibility of the golfer to care for the golf course. It was tradition and everyone knew what was expected. How times have changed, the ossification of the game is quite evident on recent visits. There is a perception that the reverence for and respect for the game of golf is not there. After all, you paid for it, so it’s up to you to care for it. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

Why has this issue become more common? Several theories exist. One belief is that golfers see the care of the golf course as someone else’s responsibility. In other words, golfers have already paid to play, so it’s not up to them to help care for the game. Why should they? Why should they be expected to do something that is not a part of the game? That’s not true. The game is more than hitting a ball with a club. This is the way it’s always been. The traditions include the courtesy of cleaning up after one’s self on the golf course, e.g., divots, ball marks, and out of bounds. Before it was a courtesy, it was the right thing to do.

Regional agronomists and where to find them.

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The USGA will be busy at the 2014 Golf Managers Association of America’s marquee events, the General Session will feature USGA staff members speaking on turfgrass.

The New USGA Course Consulting Service

The USGA Green Section is a member of the USGA Course Consulting Service, which provides agronomic services to a large variety of golf courses throughout the United States.

The service visits are similar from one golf facility to the next. The report includes a season summary of events that have impacted the turf. A summary of conditions and the condition of the turf is also given. The service report also includes a brief discussion on how to improve turf quality during cold weather.

In the past, many superintendents were just told to “water the greens every night” or whatnot. Now, specific recommendations can be developed to improve the quality of the turf. In dealing with the winter season, for example, you might only water the greens at night, because the night temperatures are lower and the amount of water lost to evaporation is less than during the day.

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