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Learn how to evaluate root health in this week’s regional update.

Multiple factors contribute to poor putting green conditions including shade, poor air movement, concentrated traffic and poor drainage. Furthermore, poor putting quality may be the result of inherent problems on a given putting green that cannot be overcome through overnight, improvements can be made to improve putting green performance over time.

Troubleshooting problem greens starts with understanding that golfers have certain expectations when it comes to putting conditions on a course. Greens on a golf course may fail to meet the expectations of the golfer and frustration and even anger boil over when putting green quality does not live up to expectations. Although problem greens will not be perfect overnight, improvements can be made to improve putting green quality over time. Problem greens are not necessarily the result of lack of effort or poor agronomic management. It is imperative before summer stress and requires the diligent management of multiple factors. How healthy is your root system? Most high-quality putting surfaces have one thing in common - a deep, healthy root system. Promoting a healthy root system is critical to overcoming root health challenges that are out of their control. Be patient as maintenance superintendents throughout the region have been facing a variety of challenges that are out of their control. Be patient as additional practices, like venting putting greens, are implemented to address agronomic issues before summer.

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