

# Green Section Record

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## Regional Updates



### West Region

The 2017 North American Golf Innovation Symposium was recently held in Vancouver, British Columbia. Learn how innovation and technology can improve the golfer experience while reducing critical resources.

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### Northeast Region

Cold weather has temporarily put spring on hold, so turf growth and the development of pests will be difficult to predict. What does all this mean for golf courses throughout the Northeast Region?

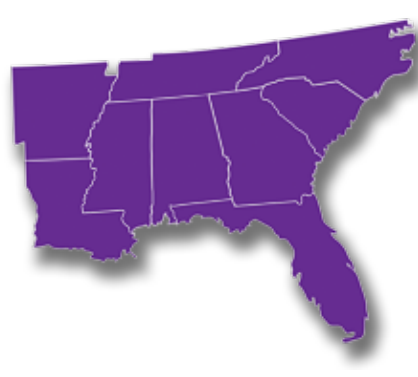
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### Central Region

Weather patterns throughout the Central Region have been far from ordinary. But did the unusually warm February weather affect the ability to suppress *Poa annua* seedheads?

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### Southeast Region

There seems to be an increasing amount of products available in different combinations, with different names and from different companies. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this ongoing product evolution?

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### In Case You Missed It

Regardless of location, resources or type of turfgrass, every golf course can improve putting green conditions if they follow the five fundamentals featured in the March 3, 2017 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record*.

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### Coming Up Next Issue

Whether or not you have a Handicap Index®, every single golfer has the opportunity to improve playing conditions. Use the April 7, 2017 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* as a guide to calculate your Golfer Awareness Index and learn about all the ways golfers can improve the golf experience for everyone.

## USGA Poll Question - Share Your Opinion

What do you feel will be the most important aspect for golf facilities to manage in 2017?

Water Usage [Select](#)

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Course Conditions [Select](#)

## Latest From Course Care



### Fore The Golfer: Why Is Sand Applied To Putting Greens?

The effects of sand on putting green performance have been a topic of discussion since the days of Old Tom Morris. Although a common cause of frustration, here's why golf course superintendents so often apply sand to putting surfaces - these long-term benefits far outweigh any short-term inconvenience.

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### BioBlitz 2017

It's not too late to register for Audubon International's third annual BioBlitz, an international species-counting competition designed to create awareness about the environmental value of the habitats supported by golf courses. Help promote the biodiversity of your course, while engaging golfers and the community in your counting efforts.

[Register Now](#)



### USGA Turf Minute: Practice Facility Etiquette

As with any sport, developing skills as a golfer requires practice. Whether you are working on your putting, short game or just heading to the driving range to work on your swing, doing these things will ensure a better practice experience for everyone.

[Watch Video](#)



### BMP Case Study: Naturalizing Areas To Reduce Inputs

When faced with operational budget cuts that reduced the size of the golf course maintenance staff, here's how the superintendent at Burlingame Country Club in Sapphire, N.C., worked with golfers to focus resources down the middle of the golf course.

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