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Regional Updates



West Region

Golfers of all skill levels may notice that some putting greens play differently in the afternoon than they do in the morning – here are eight reasons why.

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Northeast Region

Even though most golf facilities in the Northeast Region are enjoying a good spring, some are beginning to see unusual damage patterns resulting from a unique winter.

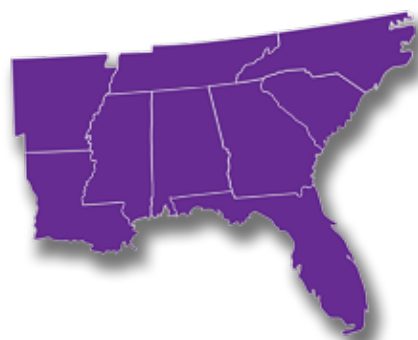
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Central Region

The ability to predict how much the golf course will dry out tomorrow can help determine how much water to apply today. Learn more about how you can use the results of USGA-funded research to predict the future.

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Southeast Region

Chipping areas can add challenge and interest to the game. They can also be extremely easy to create for golf courses with bermudagrass. Here are a few suggestions for successfully creating new chipping areas this spring.

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In Case You Missed It

Whether you are new to the game or the most seasoned professional, every golfer has the ability to positively impact course conditioning. The April 7, 2017, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* provides a guide to improving playing conditions during your next round.

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Coming Up Next Issue

Managing high-quality golf course playing surfaces is a challenging task. If some areas seem to struggle regardless of the care and attention they receive, take a deeper look. The May 5, 2017, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* provides the information you need to evaluate whether nematodes are contributing to poor-performing playing conditions.

USGA Poll Question - Share Your Opinion

USGA POLL QUESTION RESULTS

Previously, we asked:

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



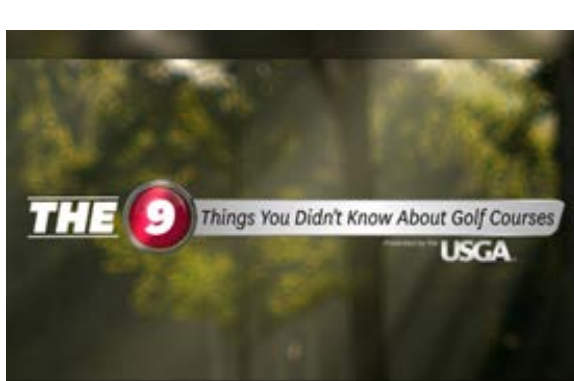
Latest From Course Care



Fore The Golfer: To Fill Or Not To Fill

Regardless where golf is played there are sure to be divots, but repairing a divot might not be as easy as it seems. There are a lot of different ways to repair divots and each is correct in certain circumstances. Consider these things the next time you take a divot. Although it requires some effort, correctly repairing divots is sure to improve course conditions.

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Celebrating Earth Day: 9 Things To Know About Golf Courses

In celebration of Earth Day, the latest episode of *The 9* highlights nine things you didn't know about golf courses. From cooling your surrounding environments to providing valuable wildlife habitat in heavily developed areas, golf courses benefit their communities in a variety of ways. The USGA is committed to supporting the health and viability of all golf courses.

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Case Study: Tree Management To Protect Renovated Cart Paths

Cart paths can be a valuable asset, allowing golfers and staff alike to travel without causing undue stress to turfgrass playing surfaces. However, they are often vulnerable to damage from tree roots. To protect its investment in new cart paths, Pine Lake Country Club in Charlotte, N.C., took this proactive approach.

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Why Are Carts Occasionally Restricted To Cart Paths?

With all of the open spaces on golf courses, why are carts ever restricted to cart paths? Although they may seem annoying, the reality is that traffic-directing signs, rope lines and even the occasional cart restriction are thoughtfully implemented tactics that protect vulnerable playing surfaces from a variety of stresses.

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