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Regional Updates



West Region

Shade and limited air movement create major issues when trees are too close to turf; but have you ever considered issues caused by the roots? Here are three ways tree roots severely impact a golf course.

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Northeast Region

As we race toward fall, the cool nighttime temperatures and warm, sunny days are creating ideal growing conditions for cool-season turfgrass. Are you taking full advantage of the optimal weather conditions?

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Central Region

Everyone wants to hit off of great turf on the practice tee next spring. Although this decision may be unpopular among golfers, protecting grass practice tees now by shifting to artificial turf mats can make a significant difference for next season.

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Southeast Region

Remember the wise pig that built a house out of bricks? The other two little pigs used straw and started with a weak foundation. Establishing a putting green with treated seeds provide a strong foundation, so why aren't sprigs treated?

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In Case You Missed It

The golf industry is not immune to economic conditions. Take a look back at the Sept. 1, 2017, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* for strategies that could help mitigate the consequences of future economic downturns.

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Coming Up Next Issue

Irrigation systems are integral yet unseen pieces of infrastructure at nearly every golf course. Much like the equipment used to groom playing surfaces, irrigation systems wear out over time and when they do, they can be extremely costly to replace. The Oct. 6, 2017, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* provides a guide for developing a preventative maintenance program that can prolong the useful life of any irrigation system.

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Audubon International's BioBlitz 2017 Completed

Hundreds of participants and volunteers in Audubon International's BioBlitz 2017 recorded nearly 2,000 unique species of animals, plants, fungi and insects living on golf courses around the world. In addition to demonstrating the diversity of species on golf courses, participants around the world competed for three awards – here are the winners.

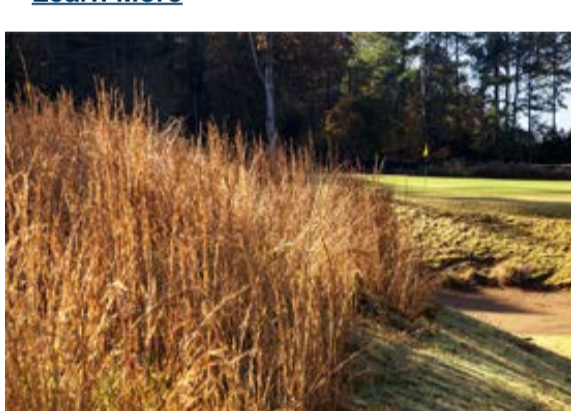
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Fore The Golfer: The Architectural Speed Limit For Putting Greens

Green speed evokes emotion from superintendents and golfers alike, but determining an appropriate green speed is a challenging task because it involves both science and subjectivity. The architectural speed limit of putting greens can serve as a guide to a more enjoyable golf experience by improving playing conditions and pace of play.

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Case Study: Reducing Inputs By Converting To Native Grasses

Like many golf courses, Rivermont Golf Club in Alpharetta, Georgia, recently faced pressure to reduce operating expenses. By recognizing the importance of focusing resources on the surfaces that most frequently come into play, learn how Rivermont was able to achieve significant cost reductions without sacrificing playing quality.

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Fore The Golfer: Why Artificial Mats Are Used On Driving Ranges

Fall is right around the corner and many golf courses are transitioning traffic from grass practice tees to artificial turf mats. Although they may be unpopular among some golfers, here's how artificial turf mats can be used to improve the practice experience along with a few tips that just might help extend the amount of time grass practice tees remain open.

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