

**In Memoriam  
Dr. James B Beard  
September 24, 1935 - May 14, 2018**



The turfgrass industry lost one of its leading icons on May 14, 2018. Dr. James B Beard was a tireless worker dedicated to the advancement of turfgrass science, whether focused on research, academics, or extension. His quest for finding the next answers resulted in meticulously researched books and publications that documented the turfgrass industry. His contributions in the United States and globally are significantly too many to list in one place.

In the golf arena, Dr. Beard played an important role in the USGA Green Section history. In the early 1980s, he strongly advocated the critical importance of financially supporting research work through the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Program to the USGA Executive Committee. He initiated many of the turfgrass drought and physiology studies that helped make

progress toward golf course water conservation. His collaborative work with the Green Section staff resulted in two editions of the highly respected *Turfgrass Management for Golf Courses* book. Dr. Beard was the 1989 recipient of the USGA Green Section Award, but the volume of his contributions to turfgrass science continued until his death.

You would be hard pressed to find any person working in the turfgrass industry who does not have some connection to, or who has not benefited from, the decades of work by Dr. Beard. His contributions to our understanding of turfgrass science have touched the professional lives of turfgrass managers, researchers and educators throughout the world.

**Regional Updates**



**West Region**

Trends in the golf industry are beginning to have a very positive impact on turf health, pace of play and the communities that neighbor golf courses. Jumping on board with just a few of these trends can also improve playing conditions and attract golfers.

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**Northeast Region**

Cool, wet weather has been frustrating for golfers, superintendents and allergy sufferers alike. While medication may provide relief from allergy symptoms, medicating turf with fertilizer will not improve conditions. These strategies are more productive.

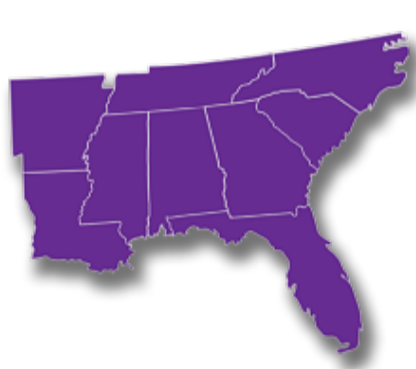
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**Central Region**

Vampires paying dues or green fees to play the course? If so, that's one more reason to be vigilant and take action during early spring to control garlic mustard infestations.

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**Southeast Region**

Warm weather has kick-started bermudagrass, but it has also increased mole cricket activity. Understanding mole cricket biology will help you manage these pests.

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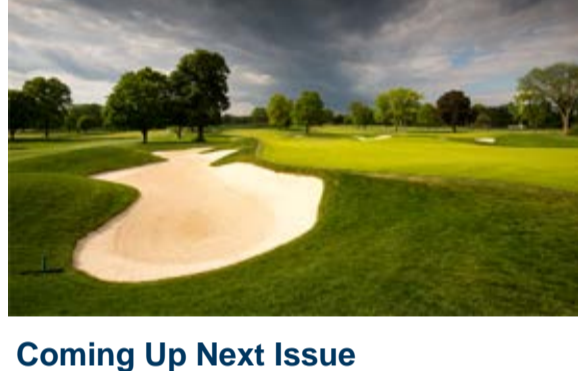


**In Case You Missed It**

There's no question, developing a wetting agent program can be very confusing. The May 4, 2018, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* clears up some of the confusion surrounding various wetting agent products and their use as water management tools.

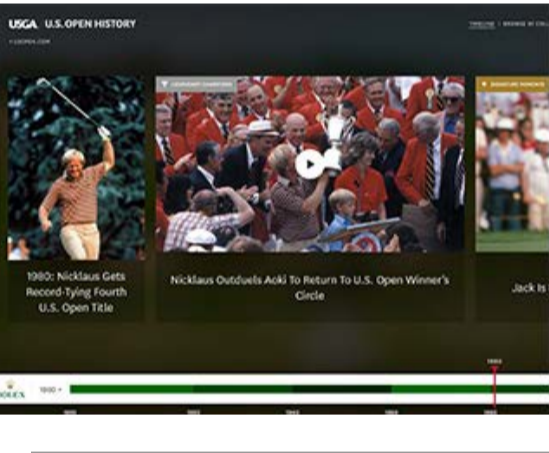
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**Coming Up Next Issue**

Mother Nature has a profound impact on golf course playing conditions, yet she lacks all concern for what's been scheduled on golf calendars. The June 1, 2018, issue of the *Green Section Record* will highlight how the USGA works with championship host sites to plan for weather events. The same tactics are applicable whether you're preparing for daily play or a local event.



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**How To Repair Ball Marks**

Repairing a ball mark correctly can be the difference between uniform putting greens and unsightly turf injury. Learn the proper technique in this short video and be sure to use it during your next round.

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**Divots 101 — Repair Or Replace**

Divots are a part of golf, but what is the best method for repairing them? Knowing when and how to use these two simple divot repair techniques is an important step to improving fairway playing conditions.

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**USGA In The Field**

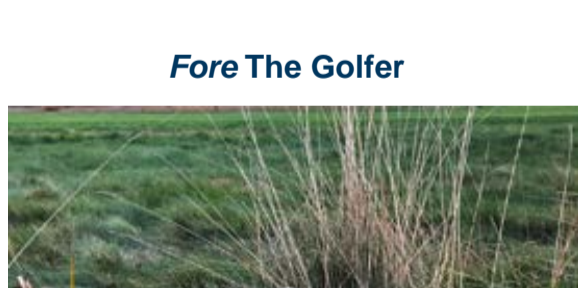


**Back From The Brink — Agronomy Sparks A Turnaround**

Facing the prospect of having to rebuild all their greens due to severe turf loss, Chesapeake Hills Golf Course in Lusby, Md., called upon the USGA Green Consulting Service for advice. With help from a USGA agronomist, Chesapeake Hills has been able to reestablish exceptional playing conditions without incurring the cost of a complete renovation.

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**Fore The Golfer**



**What To Expect From Tall Rough Areas And When**

The fescue areas we all try to avoid with our tee shots can actually provide a lot of benefits to golfers and the environment. However, in many cases, tall, unmanaged areas are not. While unmown fine fescue is attractive and offers playable conditions, it isn't well suited for all golf courses. Learn more about what to expect from areas of tall rough and why.

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