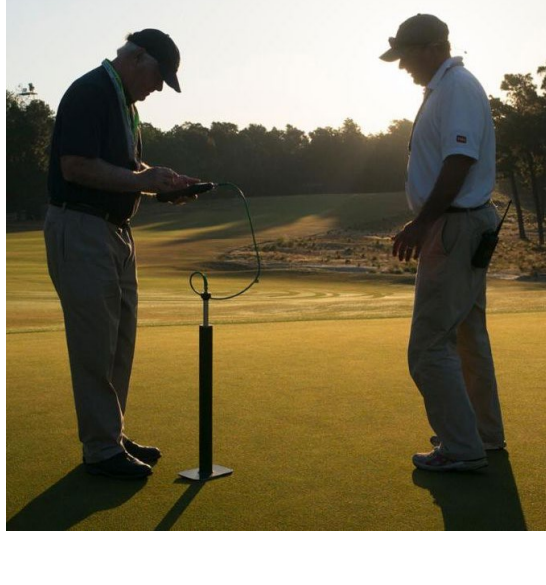


Remembering The Past And Planning For The Future



Anyone who works in the golf industry knows that change is a part of our business. As the USGA Green Section prepares to celebrate 100 years of helping golf facilities in 2020, we are also preparing to see members of the Green Section family that have worked with us for decades retire from the USGA in the autumn of 2019. These people have played key roles in making the Green Section what it is today, and their impact on the game has been tremendous. We know that many of you have worked closely with the staff leaving the USGA and join us in wishing them all the best in their next chapters.

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Regional Updates



West Region

One advantage of using a salt-tolerant grass like seashore paspalum is that salt can be used to control undesirable plants that are not as salt tolerant. A potential pesticide restriction is making this an important option for one golf course in Hawaii.

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Northeast Region

Late summer into early fall is the best time to establish turf from seed in the Northeast. Whether you are repairing damage or planning a renovation, be sure to select a modern turf variety that is appropriate for your site, even if the seed costs a little more.

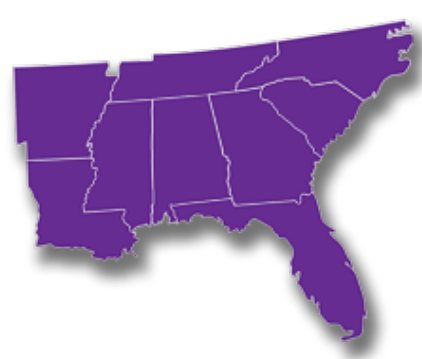
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Central Region

Unfortunately, many golfers cannot help but play follow-the-leader when they see groups ahead drive carts down tee-to-fairway walking paths.

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Southeast Region

Making a positive impact on playability and turf health at a golf course may be as simple as removing a few trees that shade key areas.

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In Case You Missed It

The agronomic and playability benefits of upgrading to improved fairway grasses has long been understood. However, many facilities hesitate to regrass their fairways because of the cost and disruption. Review the September 6, 2019, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* to learn how converting to improved grasses can pay for itself surprisingly quickly by reducing fairway maintenance costs in the short and long term.

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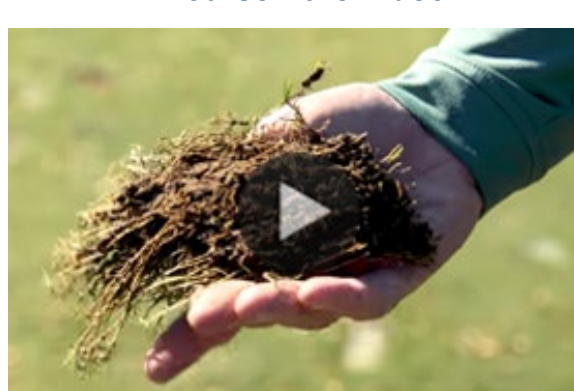


Coming Up Next Issue

Adequate sunlight is a necessity for healthy turf. Unfortunately, tree shade adversely affects putting green turf at many golf courses. Facilities are often reluctant to remove the "shady characters" around their golf course, but failing to do so leads to serious issues. The October 4, 2019, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* will describe how to identify, quantify and address shade issues so that you can improve turf health at your course.

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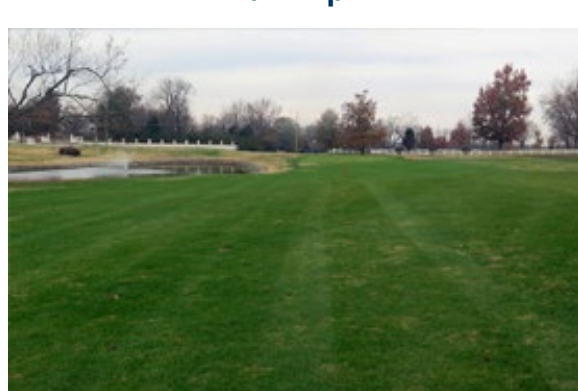


Fore The Golfer: Divots 101 — Know When To Repair Or Replace

Taking divots is a normal part of any round of golf. Making our best effort to repair them should also be routine. Although repairing divots might seem simple, knowing when to replace a divot and when to fill it with mix is critical. Using the proper technique makes all the difference.

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Turf Tip



How To Establish "Bluemuda" Fairways

In the transition zone, warm- and cool-season grasses struggle at different times of year. Using a combination of bermudagrass and HGT bluegrass to create "Bluemuda" fairways can help to provide high-quality, consistent playing conditions all year long.

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Fore The Golfer



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Golf has been played on grass for more than 500 years, but the grass you play on today is far superior to the grass that your grandparents, or even your parents, played on. Since 1921, the USGA has worked with university researchers to develop improved grasses that deliver better playing conditions and require less maintenance.

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