

Regional Updates



West Region

Golf course superintendents have many tools available for fairway aeration programs. Which ones, with what frequency, will deliver sustained benefits?

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Northeast Region

As spring maintenance gears up, the focus is usually on getting putting greens prepped for the upcoming season. Do not forget that tees need love too.

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Central Region

Although bunker rakes have been removed from golf courses, we should still try to leave the course as we found it – especially when entering and exiting a bunker.

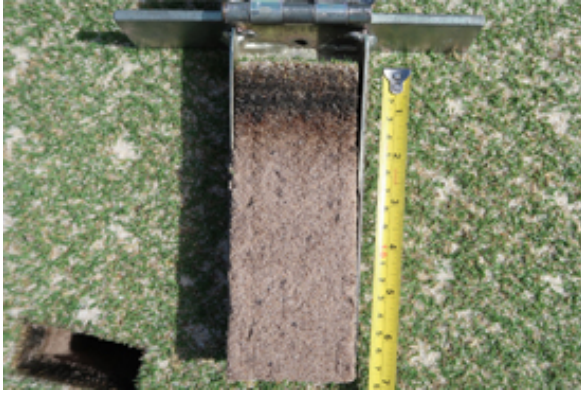
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Southeast Region

With many courses understaffed or limited in what they can accomplish each day, recent cool weather is helping overall productivity by slowing warm-season turf growth.

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In Case You Missed It

Soil layering on putting greens can cause a wide range of serious issues. Soft surfaces, poor rooting and increased disease incidence are just a few examples of the problems that develop. The May 1, 2020, issue of the *USGA Green Section Record* discussed how to prevent layers from developing and how to address them if they are already present.

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Coming Up Next Issue

Selecting a bunker sand suited to the specific conditions on a golf course is critical to delivering good playability and maximizing bunker longevity. The June 5, 2020, issue of the *USGA Green Section Record* describes the key characteristics of bunker sand and provides sand selection recommendations to help you get the most from your bunker sand.

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100th Anniversary

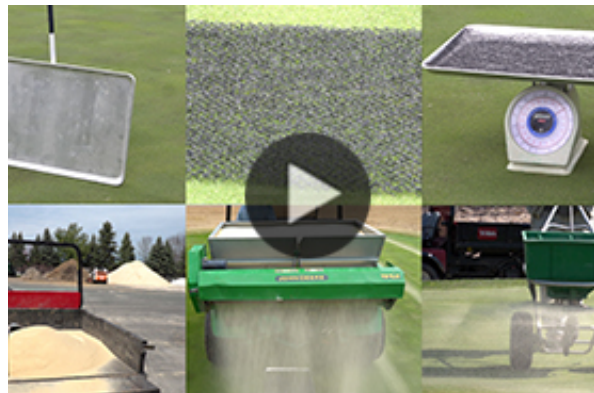


From The Vault: Raking Bunkers The Easy Way

Mechanical rakes are a big part of saving time on modern bunker maintenance, but you might be surprised to see what an early model looked like in this 1954 *USGA* article.

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Course Care Video



A New Method For Measuring Sand Topdressing Rates

Accurately measuring topdressing rates is critical to applying the correct amount of sand. This video details a simple procedure that can help optimize your topdressing program.

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Next On The Tee

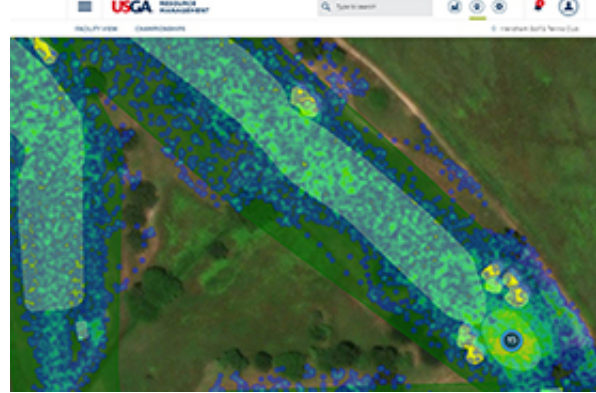
Industry Update



Photos From The Field: May, 2020

This spring will be remembered as one of the most difficult seasons many have ever experienced. Your photos captured some of the challenges and highlights of a tough time in our industry.

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USGA GPS Service Identifies Where Golfers Are Not Going

Learn more about how the USGA GPS Service allows courses to map where golfers are traveling during their round and allocate resources to the most important parts of the course.

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