

HOW IT'S DONE

NATURALIZING WITH WILDFLOWERS

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[GROWING DEGREE DAYS - THE SECRET BEHIND NATURE'S CALENDAR](#)

GETTING A HANDLE ON NATURE'S CLOCK



The late bloom, or half green/half gold stage, of common forsythia shrubs is used as a field indicator for peak populations of sexually mature annual bluegrass weevil.

without saying that plant indicators are most helpful when the particular plant grows on or close to your site.

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[PLATING TEES AND FAIRWAYS WITH SAND HAS BEEN PROMOTED AS REDUCING MAINTENANCE COSTS WHILE IMPROVING PERFORMANCE AND PLAYABILITY. BUT IT HAS UNIQUE MANAGEMENT NEEDS OF ITS OWN](#)

SAND CAPPING SOLVES EVERYTHING...OR DOES IT?



When aeration and topdressing programs properly dilute thatch accumulation, a rootzone free of organic layers is achieved. This soil profile exhibits excellent thatch management and blending of the new rootzone (sand topdressing and organic matter accumulation) with the sand-based construction mixture below.

turf management problem and practice, such as aeration, will be all but eliminated. This is not the case for a number of reasons, and we will explore not only the tremendous advantages of sand capping tees, fairways and roughs, but also the disadvantages and where mistakes have been and are still being made with this process. [Read More](#)

REGIONAL UPDATES



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The USGA Green Section is broken into eight regions with each staffed by Green Section agronomists who work with golf facilities on care of the golf course. Every two weeks USGA agronomists provide updates outlining current issues of what they are observing in the field. Be sure to view updates from other regions and not just your own because featured ideas, techniques and solutions to problems often apply to other parts of the country.



NORTHEAST REGION

August is proving to be ideal for core aeration procedures and turf recovery following heavy rains and oppressive heat in June and July. Root systems were severely stunted this summer and greens lacking air movement suffered the most. Is it time to add fans to your equipment inventory? [Read More](#)



MID-ATLANTIC REGION

As summer comes to a close, now is the perfect time to core aerate and gear up for drainage improvement projects. Looking back, it's also a good time to ask what worked, what didn't, and what adjustments need to be made for next year? [Read More](#)



SOUTHEAST REGION

Four USGA Championships take place in the Southeast Region in 2013. A most prestigious event and something that will forever be remembered at any golf facility, hosting a USGA Championship provides an opportunity to showcase the golf course for the best amateur players in the world and for the membership to get involved as volunteers. [Read More](#)



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NORTH-CENTRAL REGION

Ever wonder what a 70-year-old bentgrass putting green would look like if it lay fallow for a season...no water, no mowing, no fungicide and no fertilizer? What was observed was just as surprising as what wasn't. [Read More](#)



MID-CENTRAL REGION

Another summer of extremes was experienced this year in the Mid-Central Region, only this time it involved milder temperatures and flooding in some areas. Preemergent applications for Poa annua control should wait no longer and next up...conference season. [Read More](#)



NORTHWEST REGION

Three golf facilities in the Pacific Northwest are turning the catchphrase term "sustainability" into reality. Here's what we can learn from them. [Read More](#)



SOUTHWEST REGION

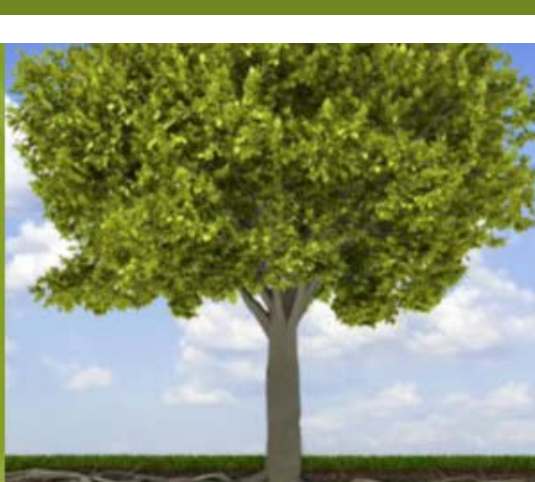
The rising cost of water, controlling bermudagrass encroachment in greens and whether or not to overseed fairways and roughs this fall are hot topics in the Southwest Region this August. [Read More](#)

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POTASSIUM NITRATE CAN REDUCE ANTHRACNOSE SEVERITY OF ANNUAL BLUEGRASS TURF

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