

Winter Overseeding Transition Management

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HOLE LOCATION AND CHANGING DUTIES IMPACT THE GAME

THE HOLE WAS LOCATED WHERE?



Crooked flagsticks not only reflect poorly on the maintenance staff and the golf facility, but they may also prevent well-struck golf shots from dropping into the hole.

For all of us, the focal point, the destination if you will, on any golf hole is the 4.25-inch-diameter hole on the putting green. Like it or not, this small area of every golf course largely determines one's feelings about a round of golf. Well-placed holes and the job performed according to the textbook generally go unnoticed by many players, yet questionable hole locations or poorly performed hole-changing duties quickly evoke negative feelings about the entire maintenance program. Let's take a look

at the creation of this very small target, how to get the best results, and common issues associated with the very important tasks of selecting hole locations and changing holes.

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USGA FUNDING HAS PROVIDED THE MEANS FOR TURFGRASS SCIENTISTS TO ACHIEVE MANY NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

MILESTONES OF THE USGA TURFGRASS AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM



The research at Colorado State University has developed several lines of inland saltgrass with both salt and drought tolerance.

In any endeavor, it is necessary to look back periodically and evaluate progress. Although the United States Golf Association has been funding turfgrass research since the 1920s, today's golf courses reflect a level of management not even imaginable at that time. Huge advancements have been made in both the technology and science of turfgrass management. That progress is due directly to a key role the USGA has played funding research for several decades.

When assessing the progress of the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Program over the last 30 years, several notable accomplishments stand out.

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GREEN SECTION INTERNS ANNOUNCED FOR 2013



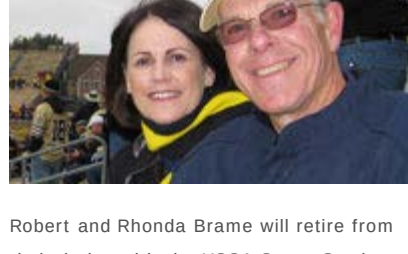
Students participating in the USGA's internship program experience a broad spectrum of golf course management.

For the 16th year, the USGA Green Section has awarded internships to outstanding turfgrass management students. During 2013, 11 students have been chosen to travel with the Green Section staff on Turf Advisory Service visits. Each intern will travel for one week with a USGA agronomist between the months of May and August. The internship program provides students with a broader view of the golf course industry and the opportunity to learn

about golf course maintenance through the perspective of the Green Section agronomists. More information about the internship program can be found in the Course Care section of the [USGA's website](#).

NEWS NOTES

ROBERT AND RHONDA BRAME TO RETIRE



Robert and Rhonda Brame will retire from their duties with the USGA Green Section at the end of May.

Robert A. Brame, director of the USGA Green Section North-Central Region since 1995, will retire on May 31, 2013 after 23 years of dedicated service on the Green Section staff.

Bob joined the Green Section's Mid-Atlantic Region in 1990 as an agronomist providing Turf Advisory Service visits with Stanley Zontek, USGA agronomist. In 1995, he was named

director of the newly-formed North-Central Region and joined Bob Vavrek to assist golf courses in the nine state region.

Over his USGA career, Bob made more than 1000 TAS visits to golf courses, has written many articles for the USGA Green Section Record and regional publications, and spoken throughout the region and country to various golf-related groups all to promote the best of golf course management practices based on science and practical experience. In recent years he also served as the lead agronomist for USGA championships held in the North-Central Region. Bob was presented the 2004 Professional of the Year award by the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation.

Bob's wife, Rhonda, has worked alongside him since 1998. Anyone who called the office was greeted by her cheery demeanor and always helpful assistance. She also will retire at the end of May.

The USGA subscribing courses and golf industry were well-served by Bob and Rhonda's attention to detail, professionalism and customer service. The USGA, and particularly the entire Green Section staff, wishes them both all the best.

NEWS NOTES

KEITH HAPP NAMED DIRECTOR OF NORTH-CENTRAL REGION



Keith Happ has over 20-years of experience with the USGA

Keith A. Happ has been named director of the USGA Green Section's North-Central Region. He began his USGA career in 1993 as an agronomist in the Mid-Atlantic Region working with Stanley Zontek and Darin Bevard.

With this promotion, Keith will join Bob Vavrek, USGA Green Section senior agronomist, in making visits throughout

the North-Central Region, visiting golf courses in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. For the remainder of the 2013 season, Keith will share a dual role and also assist with golf course visits through portions of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Keith joined the Green Section staff with a broad background in the turfgrass industry. The golf facilities in the North-Central Region will benefit from his 20-years of experience with the USGA. The Green Section wishes Keith the very best in his new role.

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Is It Really Spring? - This spring has been a particularly difficult time for golf courses with warm-season fairways and roughs in the Mid-Continent region.

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