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Regional Updates



West Region

Seashore paspalum is becoming more commonly accepted on Hawaiian golf courses. However, bermudagrass is showing its competitive nature on courses established to seashore paspalum.

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Northeast Region

While the wacky spring weather may be problematic to some, it has given both golfers and golf course superintendents some valuable time alone on the golf course.

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Central Region

Reusing aeration plugs is a great way to add value to an already beneficial process. There are several ways golf courses can put their aeration plugs to good use.

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Southeast Region

Forward tees are making quite a splash these days, but sometimes there are misunderstandings about why courses are installing them.

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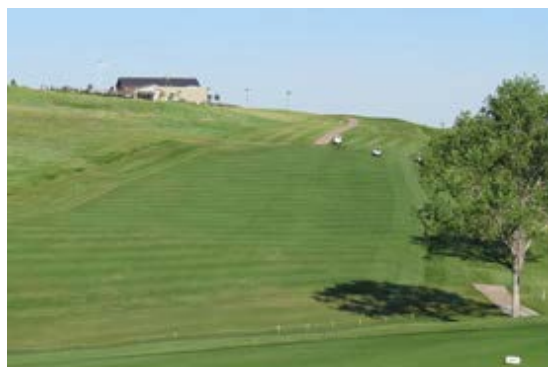


In Case You Missed It

The April 1, 2016 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* is your go-to source for information about creating a golf course water budget.

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Coming Up Next Issue

Whether your goal is personal health or healthy turfgrass, the foundation for success is proper nutrition. However, developing a well-balanced fertilizer program for turfgrass can be a daunting task. Learn more about turfgrass fertilization in the May 6, 2016 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record*.



Zach Nicoludis Joins Green Section Staff

Zach Nicoludis has been named as the new agronomist in the USGA Green Section's Central Region. He is based in the Columbus, Ohio, office and joins the Central Region agronomy staff – Bob Vavrek and John Daniels.

Nicoludis holds a degree in turfgrass science from Penn State University and has extensive practical experience in golf course management and agronomy.

Before joining the USGA Green Section, Nicoludis was the South Course superintendent at Wilmington (Del.) Country Club. Previously, Nicoludis held the position of assistant superintendent at Bidermann Golf Course in Wilmington, Del., French Creek Golf Club in Elverson, Pa., and St. Clair Country Club in Pittsburgh, Pa. Nicoludis also has extensive championship experience, having volunteered at several PGA Tour events.

Nicoludis looks forward to using his knowledge and wide-ranging experience to bring practical solutions to the agronomic challenges facing golf courses in the Central Region. We welcome Zach to the staff and wish him a long and successful tenure with the USGA Green Section.

Latest From Course Care



BMP Case Study: Vermicomposting Food Scraps

The grounds department at North Shore Country Club continues to search for ways of implementing environmentally friendly practices. Throwing away pounds of food scraps every day is an expense and waste of resources. Learn more about how vermicomposting not only stopped the waste issue but provided many other benefits.

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Fore The Golfer: Why Do Golf Courses Aerate So Much?

The word "aeration" stimulates negative emotions for many golfers. It may come as a surprise, but golf course superintendents also dislike aeration. After all, the last person who wants to disrupt the smoothness of the putting greens they work so hard to maintain is the superintendent. So why is aeration needed so often?

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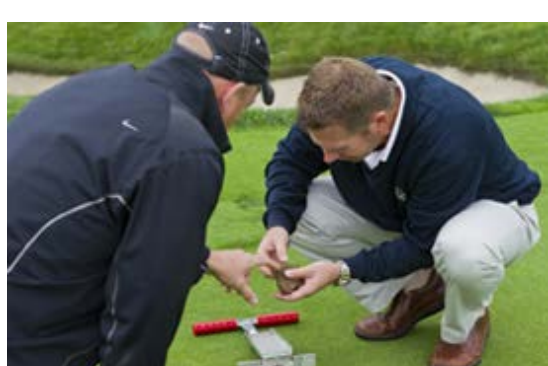


Course Care Video: Why Aerate The Greens?

Golfers often wonder why it is necessary to aerate putting greens. Aeration is a labor-intensive and time-consuming process, but it is necessary to keep the grass healthy.

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