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Regional Updates



West Region

Damage to putting green mowers from sand topdressing is a common problem. Here is one method that reduces stress on mowers and mechanics.

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Northeast Region

The magic of Oakmont's greens comes from the grasses, which are shining for the 2016 U.S. Open Championship.

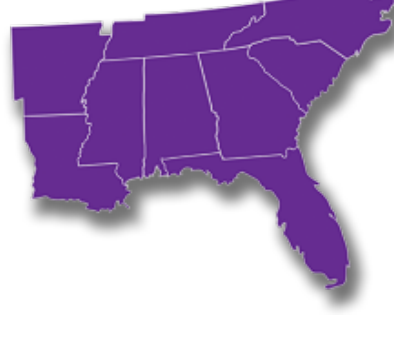
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Central Region

Removing thick deposits of silt after a flood requires an aggressive approach to limit long-term damage.

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Southeast Region

Drainage projects are a common part of golf course maintenance. Wet weather provides a great opportunity to identify areas that need supplemental drainage.

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Paul M. Jacobs III Joins Green Section Staff



Paul M. Jacobs III is the newest addition to the USGA Green Section, joining as an agronomist in the Northeast Region. Jacobs will be based in the Easton, Pa., office with Dave Oatis and Adam Moeller as he joins the rest of the Northeast Region agronomy team that includes Jim Skorulski, Elliott Dowling and Addison Barden.

Jacobs has a B.S. in Crop and Soil Sciences from Michigan State University and has wide-ranging experience in turfgrass management. Jacobs grew up playing golf and working on golf courses in Michigan. During college, Jacobs interned at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y., and Tucson (Ariz.) Country Club. He also has excellent championship experience gained from volunteering at the 2013 U.S. Women's Open Championship at Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. and several PGA tournaments.

Most recently, Jacobs was assistant golf course superintendent at Bel-Air Country Club in Los Angeles. Jacobs' experience with growing conditions in widely varying climates has prepared him well for dealing with the agronomic challenges unique to the Northeast Region. We gladly welcome Paul to the staff and wish him a long and successful career with the USGA Green Section.



In Case You Missed It

The June 3, 2016 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* is your go-to source for information about pond management on golf courses.

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Coming Up Next Issue

Arnold Palmer once said, "It's a funny thing, the more I practice the luckier I get." Luck aside, it takes a considerable amount of practice to master the game of golf. Whether you're looking to improve your practice facility or simply spend more time hitting off the grass, the July 1, 2016 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* is your guide to a better practice experience.

Latest From Course Care



BMP Case Study: Silt Removal And Pump Station Design

When the pump stations flooded and the irrigation intakes were covered with 4 feet of silt, Stone Mountain (Ga.) Golf Club had to take drastic measures. The solution not only restored irrigation system functionality but also improved playing quality and reduced water use.

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Fore The Golfer: Why Can't Green Speeds Remain Constant?

Have you ever marveled at putting conditions, particularly green speed, and wondered why putting greens don't all play the same? Ultimately, there are myriad factors that affect putting green speed; here's what happens as they change throughout the year.

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Swinging Instead Of Swatting

Mosquitoes are more than just a nuisance; they are capable of transmitting potentially harmful infectious diseases. Fortunately, a better understanding of mosquito biology can help formulate successful control measures so you can spend less time swatting and more time swinging.

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During the 1936 U.S. Open Championship at Oakmont Country Club, Gene Sarazen putted a ball off a green and into a bunker, inspiring Edward Stimpson to invent a device that uniformly measures green speed. Learn how the device, known as the USGA Stimpmeter®, can be used to accurately measure green speed.

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