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Golfer Awareness Index: How To Be A Good Player, Even If Your Score Is High

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Most golfers keep a watchful eye on their Handicap Index®, but there is another index that every golfer should also focus on – the Golfer Awareness Index. This index is based on understanding the fundamentals of the game and how each individual impacts playing surfaces, pace of play and golfer enjoyment.

The following recommendations will help you have a positive impact on the golf course and other golfers. Read on to see if you are a scratch player when it comes to golfer awareness or whether your Golfer Awareness Index could use a little work. As with any round of golf, each hole you play provides an opportunity for improvement.

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Fore The Golfer: Putting Green Etiquette Tips

All golfers have an opportunity to positively impact course conditions, pace of play and the extent to which other golfers enjoy the game whenever they step foot on a golf course. By practicing these simple tips during your next round, you can do your part to improve playing conditions for all to enjoy.

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Fore The Golfer: Divot Repair Etiquette

Just like ball marks, divots are an innate part of the game. But they too can frustrate golfers by disrupting playing quality. Furthermore, divots are labor-intensive for maintenance staffs to address. Fortunately, with these simple course care etiquette tips, anyone can improve course conditioning as they golf.

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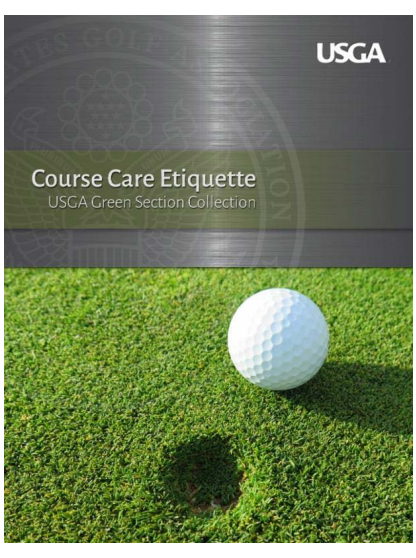

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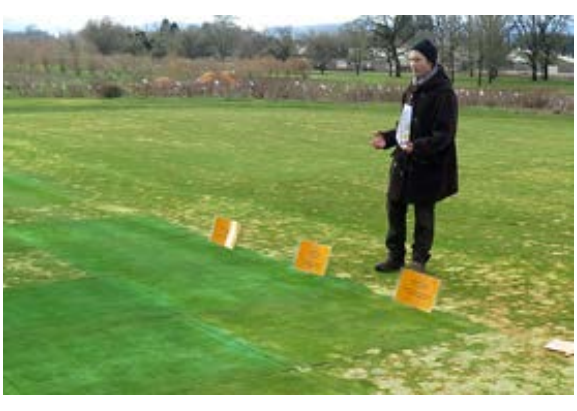

Effects Of Sulfur And Calcium On Microdochium Patch

Microdochium patch can cause severe problems during periods of cool, wet weather. To improve control efforts and reduce fungicide applications, researchers at Oregon State University have been investigating methods of preventing Microdochium patch – here's how you can use their results.

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Fore The Golfer

To Fill, Or Not To Fill, There Is No Question

Did you know there are many ways to correctly repair a divot? Just as with ball marks, becoming familiar with the correct way to repair divots has a positive impact on course conditioning and every round of golf. Remember these tips whether your next divot can be replaced or bursts into numerous pieces.

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West Region

Superintendents can talk maintenance programs all day long, but sometimes seeing is believing. Demonstrating essential practices helps golfers and decision-makers better understand maintenance activities.

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The 2016 season was difficult for golf courses in the Northeast, but these five successful and affordable strategies were the common denominators among facilities that maintained healthy turfgrass last summer.

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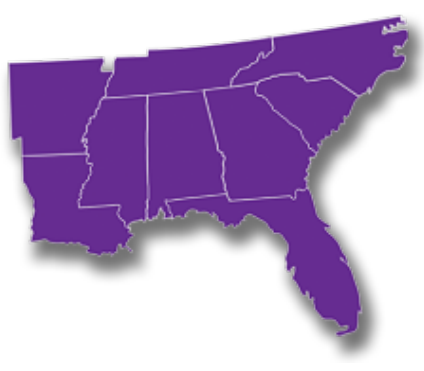

Southeast Region

Having trouble diagnosing an area of underperforming turf? Keep an eye out for this small pest. Although minuscule in size, these pests of bermudagrass are frequently showing up throughout the region.

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