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The Ins And Outs Of Zoysiagrass Fairway Management

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Utilizing zoysiagrass for fairways can help golf facilities in many areas deliver quality playing conditions with fewer inputs. When compared to cool-season grasses, zoysiagrass requires less water, has superior heat tolerance and fewer pest concerns. Many zoysiagrass cultivars are also quite tolerant of cold temperatures and provide excellent winter playability. This article provides valuable information for selecting a zoysiagrass variety and describes the ins and outs of successful zoysiagrass fairway management.

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Encountering maintenance personnel during a round of golf is very common. Making sure they are aware of your presence, and being patient while they move out of the way, ensures that they can safely prepare the course for us to enjoy.

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Divots 101 — Know When To Repair Or Replace

Taking divots is a normal part of any round of golf. Making our best effort to repair them should also be routine. Although repairing divots might seem simple, knowing when to replace a divot and when to fill it with mix is critical.

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Improving The Cold Tolerance, Pest Resistance And Overall Quality Of Zoysiagrass

Zoysiagrass is a warm-season grass that has already helped golf courses in the transition zone to use resources more efficiently. The USGA has supported zoysiagrass development at Texas A&M University since 1983. A partnership between Texas A&M, Kansas State University and Purdue University has produced interesting recent developments in zoysiagrass breeding.

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Fore The Golfer

Finding The Right Fairway Height

When we play different golf courses, we may notice that some courses seem to have shorter fairway turf while others have more grass under the ball. The optimal height for fairways on a particular course depends on a variety of factors including grass type, soil conditions and golfer preferences. Read this article to learn more about the complex factors involved in your fairway lie.

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West Region

Critical practices for producing excellent ultradwarf bermudagrass putting greens were on display at the second annual USGA Surface Management Workshop.

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Labor continues to be one of the biggest challenges in the golf course maintenance industry. Consider these options to help manage through the challenges.

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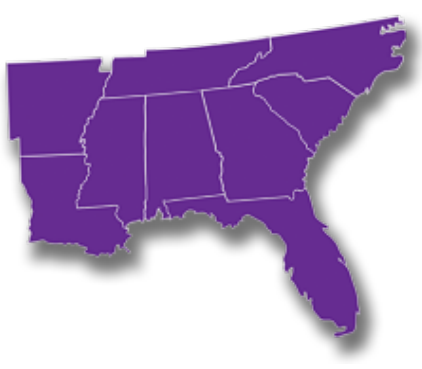

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