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MAIN EVENTS

12 MODERN STANDARDS INCREASE PRESSURE ON TURF DISEASE CONTROL

As maintenance standards and use levels increase, sports turf no longer has the time or ability to defend itself naturally against diseases. In many cases, once symptoms appear the battle is partly lost and some damage is inevitable. To have a tight grasp on his job, the sports turf manager must have some control over turf diseases. He must have a plan in case weather and use conditions tip the scale in favor of diseases.

16 NEMATODES INVITE DISEASES

If you are following all the recommendations to control summer diseases and you still can't seem to beat them, there is one more test to make, especially if your turf is growing in sandy soil. Have your soil tested for nematodes. These microscopic worms pierce turfgrass roots weakening them and providing an entryway for fungi. A nematode specialist gives tips to detecting, controlling and avoiding nematode problems in turf.

20 RENOVATING HYBRID BERMUDAGRASS BY SPRIGGING AND STOLONIZING

No turfgrass takes the heat and the beating of sports better than hybrid bermudagrass in the summer. However, too few sports turf managers give the warm-season grass the attention it deserves during the winter and spring. The vegetative turf may require periodic renovation by planting sprigs or stolons into thin stands. The problem is the use of the turf must be restricted for up to 90 days during the spring or early summer. Experts report that the results are worth the wait.

26 AMERICAN GOLF MANAGES ITS WAY TO 100 COURSES

In 1971, David Price started American Golf with three golf courses in southern California. Today, Price and his staff manage 106 golf courses across the country by a system that took years to perfect. Read this phenomenal story about the growth of the company and the development of its management structure.

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