

*Cover Photo:  
Do not overlook uniform seed-to-soil  
contact during establishment or you  
may struggle with thin spots on a  
newly established green.*



*One of the keys to making golf  
affordable to the many young players  
taking up the game is to design courses  
that can be easily walked. See page 10.*



*Carolina National Golf Club (Bolivia,  
North Carolina) has initiated a  
significant naturalization program on  
the property, creating vast habitat areas.  
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Avoid the perilous pitfalls frequently encountered during grow-in.

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High temperatures may be an unrecognized problem for many bermudagrass sprig shipments, and especially for putting greens.

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