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Drainage problems

This surface drainage of a golf course is greatly influenced both by design and by the character of the soil. This applies to all areas of the course that contain water, whether a stream or a small pond, and is obviously more critical in areas of coarse sandy material. The drainage system of the area should have been planned with the existing characteristics and anticipated improvements in mind.

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