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**Winter is a crucial time for golf clubs. Weather conditions make turf maintenance more difficult, but course performance and playability is still important to golfers, especially if they are thinking about their membership.** With that in mind, it is necessary for Course Managers to produce even higher standards during the winter, especially with their greens. This isn't easy without growth and disease activity at this time can create additional problems of scouting and damage. Golfers will want to play during the winter, and this causes further decline. At the time of year when turf growth slows down, the pressures mount and they can cause a significant deterioration in the quality of the turf surface. So, what can be done to guard against winter decline?

Well, you are no strangers to meeting the challenge of increasing levels of expectation and overcoming difficult situations. The general aim is to strengthen the turf through autumn, protect it from damage during winter, then revitalise it for light recovery.

This sounds simple, but there are a large number of factors that you need to get right to succeed.

Getting turf through the winter requires good cultural practice combined with the proper use of supporting technologies.

**A sporting chance** Above all else, give your turf a chance by creating a healthy growing environment. Maximising light penetration and creating airflow is essential, so surrounding trees and understory vegetation management is vital.

Good drainage is also essential to prevent the soil becoming saturated for long periods. Aeration may be necessary to keep the soil oxygenated and help keep roots functioning. Chipmuck organic matter management in the upper soil profile will stand you in good stead, especially during the winter.

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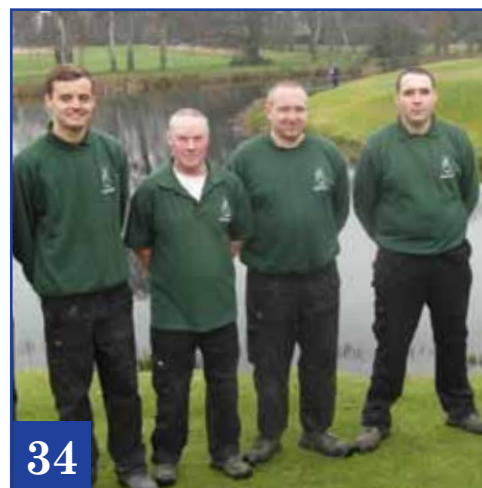
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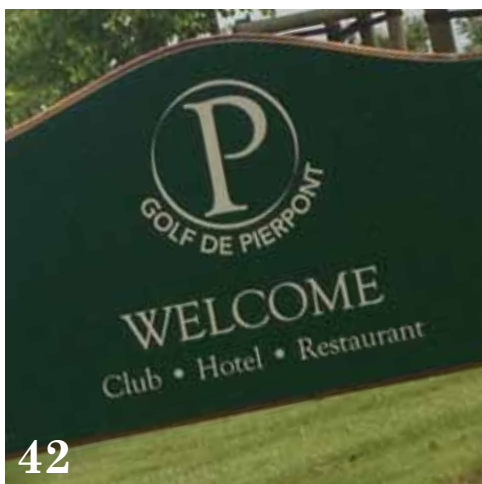
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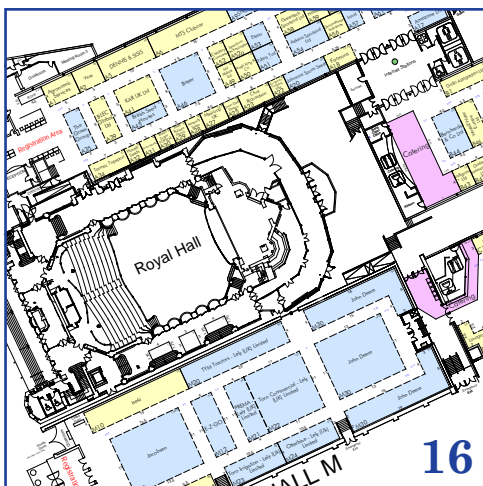
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