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The Great Spec Debate

Don't be afraid to try California greens, insists **Mike Hurdzan** of Hurdzan/Fry Golf Course Design. But you can't beat USGA greens, counters **Jim Moore**, USGA's director of construction education.

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Inside the Fringe

What's goin' on on the green? Florida superintendent **Joe Boe** cites his top 10 reasons why golfers gripe about greens, Dave Wilber talks about making peace with *Poa annua*, and more.



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Field of Dreams

Thanks to several Arizona superintendents, students at a tiny school on an impoverished Indian reservation will get their much-needed exercise by playing and running on turf fit for a golf course.

By Larry Aylward

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Let's Get (the Best) Bent

Superintendents want the finest varieties money can buy.

By Mark Leslie

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cover story

In this special issue, we cover the gamut on greens — from specs to speed to alternative spikes.

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We found this nifty photograph by Joe McBride of a golf ball moving on a green, like a Mac truck rolling down the highway, from Tony Stone Images.

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Alternative spikes have relieved courses from the heavy damage of traditional metals, but new cleat designs have some superintendents concerned.

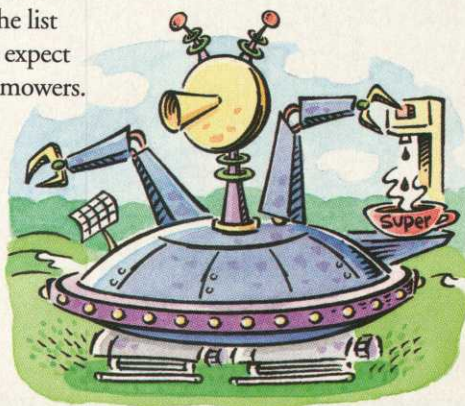
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High-tech features top the list of what superintendents expect from tomorrow's greens mowers.

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