

The Big Picture

THE NUMBERS THAT SHAPE YOUR BUSINESS

TIDBIT OF THE MONTH

Where the Skies Are So Blue

We're talking about sweet home Alabama. And the state with the nation's most successful golf trail continues to see new golf projects forthcoming. Now in development or under construction in Alabama are new golf-related projects or major renovations to existing courses in Bay Minette, Decatur, Florence, Ford City, Hoover, Montgomery and Point Clear. For details on these and other golf projects around the country, visit www.golfconstructionnews.com.

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Web Watch

By far and away, "checking the weather" was the main reason superintendents use the Internet while at work, according to our recent poll. Here are other reasons superintendents go online:

- ☒ Look for new job
- ☒ Research
- ☒ E-mail fellow superintendents
- ☒ E-mail green chairman



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Golf Rounds Played

The percentages below represent the difference in number of rounds played in January 2005 compared to the number of rounds played in January 2004.

REGION	JAN.	Y.T.D.
New England ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT	2.3%	2.3%
Middle Atlantic NY, PA, NJ	72.2%	72.2%
East North Central MI, OH, IN, IL, WI	-54.5%	-54.5%
West North Central ND, MN, SD, NE, KS, IA, MO	-38.8%	-38.8%
South Atlantic WV, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA	1.3%	1.3%
Florida	-1.3%	-1.3%
East South Central KY, TN, AL, MS	8.5%	8.5%
West South Central OK, AR, LA	-6.7%	-6.7%
Texas	-5.9%	-5.9%
Mountain MT, ID, WY, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM	-10.7%	-10.7%
Pacific WA, OR, AK, HI	-16.8%	-16.8%
California	-22.7%	-22.7%
TOTAL UNITED STATES	-6.2%	-6.2%

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Bunker Bellyaches

James Baird, an agronomist in the Northeast region for the United States Golf Association's Green Section, provided a Letterman-like Top 10 list detailing golfers' top complaints about bunkers at the recent New England Regional Turfgrass Conference & Show. They are:

10. Balls get caught up on the bank.
9. The ball doesn't release.
8. Not getting level lies.
7. Lip is too high.
6. No lip.
5. Too many stones in the bunker.
4. Too much or not enough sand.
3. Sand is too soft or it's too firm.
2. These bunkers are just not fair.
1. The bunkers aren't consistent.

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