

Swedish Golf Federation

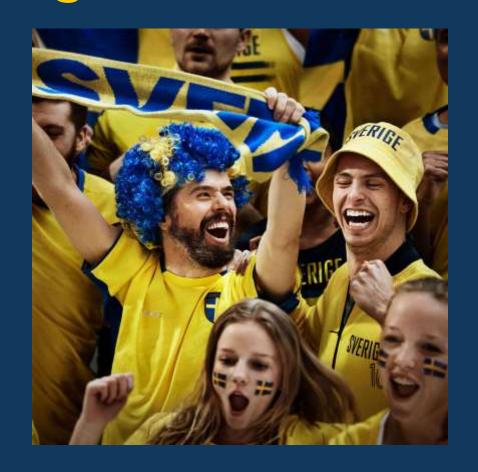
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Datadriven Greenkeeping.

- Sweden & Swedish Golf Federation
- Data collection
- Sustainable golf course management
- Common needs and recommendations
- Digital support system

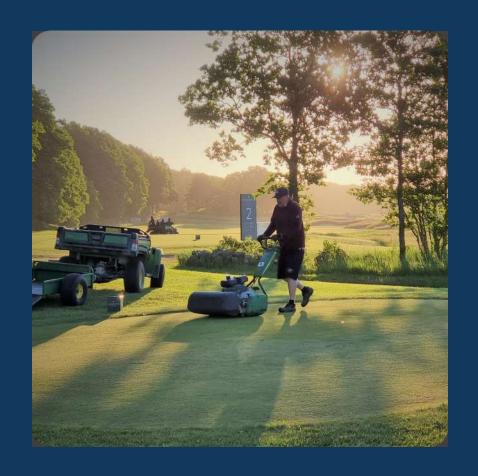


Sweden.

• Golf Clubs – 445

• Members - 583 000 (+4%)

• Booked tee times - 10 000 000



Agronomists - SGF.







Why data?

- Decision support
- Monitoring
- Understanding
- Follow up improvement



Why data?

- Only do what is necessary
- Good for playability, the environment and the economy



Course visit – working method

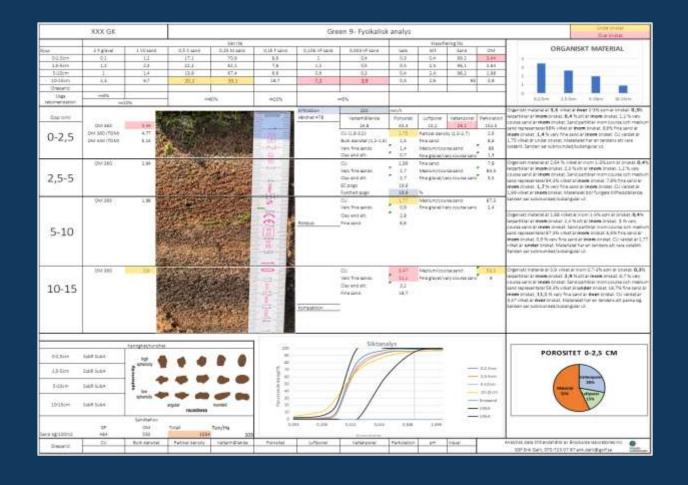
- Interviews on conditions and ambitions (questionnaire)
- Realistic goals
- We review sampling and follow-up as well as logging of daily data



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- Daily data collection: clipp volume, weather, moisture levels, inputs, stress, diseases and playability etc



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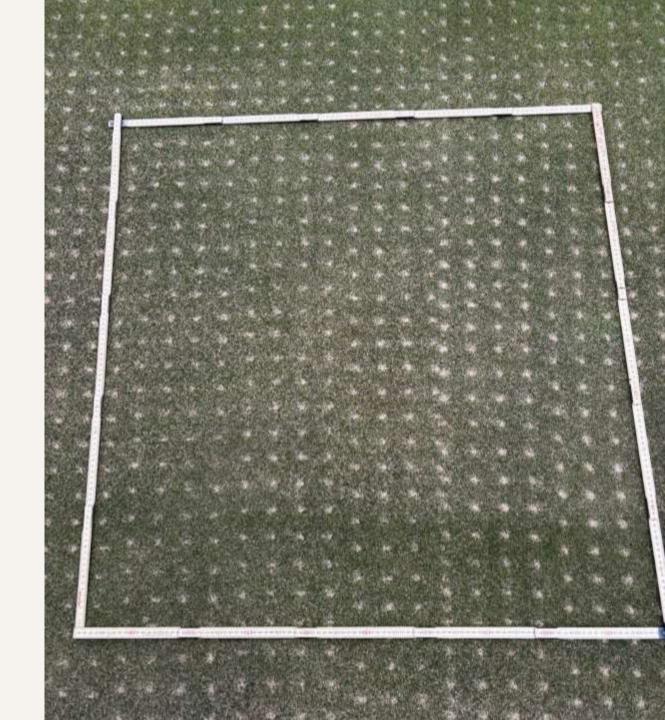
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Practical maintenance.

- Correct nutrients application (limited need for other nutrients)
- Managing layers and OM maintaining air pores
- Avoid stress



Digital Support System / Database.

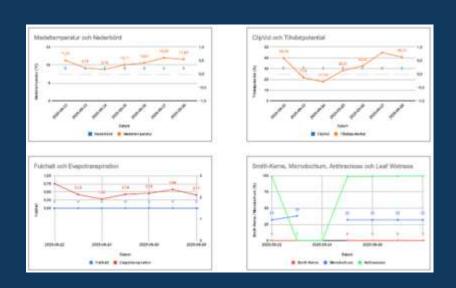
- Under development
- A user-friendly system
- Data (CS+SPA) and interviews
- Daily data



Forecasts, follow-up and statistics.

Examples:

- Growth potential and actual growth
- Nitrogen demand and recommendation for the coming 7 days
- Risk of stress and diseases
- Statistics on playability and growing conditions



Challenges and Opportunities.

- Large data sets often lead to simple and concrete advice
- Technology and AI are relatively straightforward once enough data is collected
- The real challenge: changing behaviors among course managers
- CM must trust the numbers and move away from old routines
- Our key role: coaching and on-site follow-up to ensure lasting change
- Data for research and development

Sustainable golf course management.

• A healthy growing environment is achieved through the right actions at the right time – aeration, topdressing, irrigation, and nutrition.





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