

The Villages®

Community Development Districts

Executive Golf

Spring has arrived! The last week of March going into April is showing a minimal chance of the much needed rain normally expected this time of year. We continue to experience warmer than normal weather patterns. With temperatures in the mid 60's at night and high 80's during the days, our Bermuda turf is experiencing confusion in the normal growth cycle. These temperature differences, coupled with extremely dry conditions all the way up to the last week of March, have made for an interesting beginning to spring and our normal transition time periods have sped up considerably.

This April, the contractors will be starting the push to remove the over seeded cool season grasses from our Native Bermuda areas. This process is beginning two to three weeks earlier than normal. The variable temperature patterns we are experiencing this spring cause our playing conditions to be a challenge to maintain. By practicing good water management skills, sound agronomy programs and the due diligence of contractors, we have been able to provide consistently good conditions for our golfing community through our not so predictable spring.

During this transition period, we encourage all of you enjoying the facilities to assist us in our endeavors in maintenance by practicing proper "Golf Etiquette" and playing "Ready Golf" so everyone that plays has the best golf experience possible. Repairing ball marks during these wet conditions will improve everyone's game and provide putting surfaces that are smooth for your neighbor and fellow golfers.

We will continue to ensure your contractors are keeping the consistent conditions that you expect and will continue to help educate our fellow resident golfers by supplying them various venues of learning so they can help us in our maintenance efforts. We would also like to extend a 'Thank You' to everyone already practicing proper "Golf Etiquette" and playing "Ready Golf"!

We look forward to seeing you on the course!

April 2017 Turf Talk



Silver Lake
Hill Top
De La Vista
Chula Vista
Mira Mesa
El Diablo
El Santiago
Saddlebrook
Hawks Bay
Walnut Grove
Briarwood
Amberwood
Oakleigh
Pimlico
Churchill
Belmont

Yankee Clipper
Southern Star
Bonita Pass
Red Fish Run
Tarpon Boil
Heron
Pelican
Bogart
Bacall
Sandhill
Turtle Mound
Truman
Roosevelt
Palmetto
Sweetgum
Mangrove
Volusia
Sarasota
Escambia
Okeechobee

TURF TIP:

Transition Period

This is the time period between the management of cool season overseed grasses and our native Bermuda grass management. Contractors will promote growth of the native Bermuda grass with the upcoming warm weather and kill off the over seeded cool season type grass varieties. This ensures that the strongest and most adaptable grass varieties for consistent playing conditions are maintained for your golf courses throughout the year.