

# 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.