

**Remember: Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most beloved and seasonal groundhog, DID SEE his shadow in February proclaiming six more weeks of winter. Although we may see a couple of cold days in March, we are keeping our fingers crossed that the great weather continues!**

As I write this Turf Talk, I am sitting in my office and it is 74 degrees currently. Our Executive courses have had very limited Frost delays this past winter and the ones we have had luckily have been very short.

While we have experienced some of the warmest days on record this winter, we are not quite out of the woods yet. Spring officially begins this month and we are still using caution when preparing our Spring transitions. Mother Nature's mild fluctuations this winter assisted the course contractors to provide favorable playing conditions this winter.

We will continue to ensure all contractors are keeping the consistent conditions that you expect in our community. We also work hard in educating our fellow resident golfers by supplying them various venues of learning. This allows all residents to help us in our maintenance efforts. 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 has the best golf experience possible.

**Please remember we are not quite out of winter month yet. During Frost delays, remaining off of the playing surfaces is extremely important. Please be patient and wait for your starters to give the all clear before proceeding onto turf surfaces.**



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  
Sarasota

## ***TURF TIP:***

### **Frost Delay and turf-**

This is caused by micro climates at leaf level falling around 32 degrees.

These cold temperatures are enough to cause cell walls in plant tissue to become brittle and break. This kills the leaf by disturbing the natural flow of nutrients and photosynthesis process.

Frost Delays are used to stop traffic from breaking plant leaves until thawing can occur.