

The Villages®

Community Development Districts Executive Golf

The month of April has passed quickly and our transition from this Fall over seeded turf areas to our native Bermuda grass is almost complete. The weather in April was extremely hot and dry which aids in the transition processes and reduces the amounts of over seed quicker. In May, we expect that our courses will benefit with these conditions for transition removal. Although the good weather conditions are favorable to reduce over seed, we are still having to monitor our water allocations closely due to the dryer than normal spring with our native Bermuda grasses.

With the reduced rainfall this spring we continue on a planned path of improvements for your playing conditions. Beginning this month we will start our summer **mechanical aeration programs**. To accommodate these cultural programs, we will be starting our course single day bi-weekly closure schedules, in addition to our weekly closures.

While aerification may provide a short term inconvenience, this is one of the most important and necessary grass cultural programs available. This process helps us recover and ensure our playing surfaces remain consistent throughout the rest of the year. Please plan your tee times accordingly and expect transition surfaces to be slightly sandy over the course of 14 to 21 days from the start dates of the aerations.

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.



May 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 over seed 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.

Executive Golf Course Up-Dates and News May 2017
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