

comment from superintendents is that they are six weeks to two months behind in their management programs and practices because of the weather. In particular, it has been very difficult to adhere to pesticide treatment programs for weeds and mole crickets. Here, too, it will be difficult to catch up over the next several months.

I would further point out that while winter overseeding programs will help mask problems, there is an increased potential for difficulties to be experienced in the spring to early summer when the transition back to the bermuda base begins to occur.

While the degree of the effects of this summer's weather has varied among courses around the state, it must be realized and accepted that prior environmental conditions have an impact of all agricultural endeavors. In addition to some understanding, patience and cooperation by the winter season golfers are needed this year.

If the USGA Green Section can be of assistance in any manner, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,

John H. Foy
Director, USGA Green Section
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Editor's Note: Thanks to John Foy and other Regional Green Section Directors for their support in helping to educate golfers everywhere about the challenges in managing high performance turf. Copy and post this article if you didn't receive and post the original letter that was sent out!

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regards to the Fall 1995 issue of the Florida Green that focused on bunker maintenance in the Hands On section.

I was working my way through the magazine, looking at the pictures and ignoring the "boring editorial at the back of the magazine", when I opened the section on bunker maintenance. This section was of particular importance to me due to the dramatic features that Arthur Hills added to Deer Creek in 1993. Superintendent Mike Hamilton, CGCS, at Grey Oak Country Club described how his crew was able to raise the mowing height of their Flymo's by adding a PVC frame under the mowing deck to raise the deck off of the ground. My assistant equipment technician called Grey Oaks to discuss these modifications. We mounted the PVC pipe onto our mowers and my bunker slopes are the healthiest they've been since they were grown in.

Thank you for putting together an issue that had a significant impact on our operation and the appearance of my bunker slopes. Thanks to Mike Hamilton, CGCS, and Sam

Arcure, Equipment Technician at Grey Oaks CC for their creativity and for sharing the information with other superintendents.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Klitz, CGCS
Deer Creek Golf Club

Dear Bob:

"Boring editorials" aside, Mike Hamilton, CGCS reports he received many calls on this idea. He added that he has modified

the PVC pipe installation using 45° fittings instead of 90's at the corners. He also filled any gaps between the pipe and the deck with epoxy to preserve maximum hover capability. Thanks for writing Bob. Your "ho-hum" letter illustrates perfectly what the Hands On Section tries to provide, a forum for sharing ideas!

Sincerely,

Joel D. Jackson, CGCS
Editor

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