Control Summer Stress Complex

Occurs when stresses such as Rhizoctonia and Pythium species combine with heat, traffic and other factors. This results in reduced turfgrass vigor.

RHONE POULENC AG COMPANY
P.O. Box 12014, 2 T.W. Alexander Drive
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
1-800-334-9745
Paul Frank: The Wilderness Man

BY MIKE MONGOVEN, CGCS

A short visit to the Wilderness Country Club is all it takes to discover what Paul Frank values. An adjective to describe this most important factor would be “wilderness.”

He lived the New York State Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program long before there was such a thing. Starting in Paul’s office and continuing across the property of Wilderness Country Club, are many examples of naturally-occurring beauty. These range from deer, alligators, turkeys, rattlesnakes, eagles, bobcats, woodpeckers and chuckalukie chickens. When a person is in this environment, it is hard to imagine that some people actually believe that golf courses are a detriment to the environment.

Paul has lived his entire life on the property that is now the Wilderness Country Club. When he was born in Naples in 1934, it was a booming metropolis of 768 people, and that was all of Collier County. Mosquito control in those days consisted of holes dug in the swampy woods so that they would retain water through the entire dry season. The minnows that survived would then take care of the mosquito larva.

Paul was the original golf course superintendent of the second golf course in Collier County, the Hole in Wall Golf Club. When he and his father built Wilderness, there was a standing order with the construction crew that no tree would be removed unless absolutely necessary.

Paul is a quarter-century member of the GCSAA, a former Florida Turfgrass Association Director and was a founding member of the Everglades Chapter.

Paul cites two things as his greatest accomplishments. First is his pride in building a beautiful golf course where others can really enjoy nature. Second is his discovery and propagation of PF-11, an off-type bermudagrass he found in one of his Tifgreen putting surfaces. The grass has many positive attributes.

‘Guys are too often motivated to put their jobs in jeopardy by trying to satisfy a small percentage of their membership,’

His greatest concern about the golf business is the trend of golf course superintendents to get hero complexes. “Guys are too often motivated to put their jobs in jeopardy by trying to satisfy a small percentage of their membership,” Frank said. “This process often damages the health of the turf, as well as the job security of the golf course superintendent.”

Friends and colleagues praise Frank for his commitment and professionalism. As Clint Smallridge, CGCS, sums up, “Paul is just a terrific guy. He shoots from the hip and talks from the heart.”

Paul Frank is a living example of what is good about the golf course business. He has set a high standard we should all strive to emulate.
SO QUIET, YOU CAN HEAR A PUTT DROP

World's first electric bunker rake
Exclusive ultra-quiet finishing rake

Sand Star E

NEW SILENT SAND FINISH RAKE

SMOOTH, FIRM FINISH... NOT SOFT
The Crowfoot Committee
would like to thank the following sponsors for their help in making the
19th Annual Crowfoot Open
such an outstanding success

DIAMOND SPONSORS

Ag Resources/Sandoz
AgrEvo USA Co.
Alden Equipment Co., Inc.
Almar Chemical Co.
AmerAquatic, Inc.
Apache Turf Equipment
Aqua Saver
Aquatrols — “Primer”
Arnold Palmer Golf Management
Atlantic Irrigation
The Bay Hill Club
Bayer Corporation
Boynton Pump & Irrigation Supply
Central Florida Turf, Inc.
Ciba Turf
Club Car, Inc.
Conrad Yelvington, Inc.
Daytona International Speedway
R.C. Dunn Oil Company
Environmental Waterway Management
Florida Irrigation Supply
Golf Agronomics
Golf Ventures
Greg Norman Turf Company
Grower’s Fertilizer
Harrell’s, Inc.
Howard Fertilizer Co., Inc.
International Golf Management
Jacobsen — Textron
E R Jahna Industries
Kilpatrick Turf
Kissimmee Electro, Inc.
LPGA International
LESCO, Inc.
Liquid Ag Systems
Lyle, Inc.
Monsanto Company
Nematode Controllers, Inc.
Nucrane Machinery
Nutri-Turf, Inc.
Olin Pine straw
Palmer Course Design Co.
Pursell Industries/Polyon
Rain Bird Golf
Rhone-Poulenc
Smithco, Inc.
Southern Promotions
Sunbelt Seeds
Terra Asgrow Florida
Trail Saw & Mower
Tresca Industries
Turf Merchants
United Horticultural Sup.
Van Waters & Rogers, Inc.
Vigoro Industries, Inc.
Walt Disney World
Zaun Equipment Company

GOLD SPONSORS

Aquatic Systems, Inc.
Brookside Laboratory
Douglass Fertilizers and Chemical
Du Cor International Corp.
Flowtronex
Home & Commercial Irrigation
Lyle Agri Sales
M & A Services, Inc.
Parkway Research
Quality Grassing & Serv.
Valent USA Corp.
INTRODUCING NEW ADVANCED SPRAY-DRY DAICONIL ULTREX™ FUNGICIDE

• Mixes fast, won’t settle out and won’t clog nozzles.
• Improved control of tough Brown patch plus equally exceptional control of 14 other major turf diseases and algal scum.
• Virtually dust-free, low-foaming formulation makes handling easier.
• Pours completely out of the bag, so there’s no waste or need to rinse bags before disposal.

ISK BIOSCIENCES™
ISK Biosciences Corporation
Turf & Specialty Products Division
1523 Johnson Ferry Rd., Suite 250
Marietta, GA 30062

Always follow label directions carefully when using turf and ornamentals plant protection products.
™Trademark of ISK Biosciences Corporation.
The Medalist Golf Club
...A PLAYER’S COURSE
The Medalist Golf Club

Risk, reward, shot selection, course management and creativity required

BY JOEL D. JACKSON, CGCS

GOLF COURSE PHOTOGRAPHY
BY DAN ZELAZEK

“This is a player’s course. The highest member handicap I’ve seen is a 15,” says Greg Plotner, CGCS. It is quintessential target golf created in this pristine setting by Pete Dye and Greg Norman. Risk. Reward. Shot selection, course management and creativity required. The seven acres of Tifdwarf approaches and greens surrounds inviting all sorts of bump-and-run and pitch-and-run shots. Caddies are available.

The Medalist Golf Club holes wind back and forth like emerald ribbons through the sandy pine woods of Hobe Sound. Forty acres of turf nestled strategically among the palmettos and scrub oaks. The unique scent of wild rosemary thickets giving the visitor a gourmet’s “taste” of the course to complement the sights and feel.

No artificial signage or accessories. Small cut up branches for tee markers. Simple split log benches at the tees. No concrete. No asphalt. All natural. The crushed shell paths, leading from the greens to the next tees, stop at the fairways. The subtle rolling and undulating fairways rising and falling, twisting and turning through the trees and around the marshes. There are no roughs. Native grasses, deer moss, wildflowers and aquatic plants punctuate the natural areas and marshes with texture and color contrasts. Stacked sod wall bunker faces offer a unique feature seldom seen on a Florida golf course.

There are many unique things about The Medalist and that suits Superintendent Greg Plotner just fine.

“Your work is never really done on a golf course, but after nine years at Tampa Palms, I’m enjoying the construction phases of this project,” Greg said.

“It’s not often one gets to help create and leave his mark upon the land. I really like it.”

Greg gives his wife, Nadene, and son, David, a lot of credit for his being at The Medalist.

“This move is a tremendous opportunity for me at this time. But to take advantage of it, I needed the support of my family,” he said. “Like so many others, we were a two-career family with an active teenage son. We talked about the pros and cons, and they backed me 100% to make the move. I can’t tell you how proud and grateful I am for their unselfish support.”

Greg’s plate is full as he takes on the task of finishing the construction and grow-in of The Medalist, and at the same time assumes the presidency of the FGC. Another unique aspect to this story is the recent entry of Greg’s boss, Greg Norman, into the turfgrass industry by starting the Greg Norman Turf Company.

Norman has shown a keen interest in working with the FTGA and in becoming very involved in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. It is always refreshing and heartening to find out that you have a proven golf champion that is interested in the finer points of turfgrass management. We welcome Greg Norman into the fraternity of turf professionals and we appreciate his support.

My visit to The Medalist was on the Friday after Tropical Storm Jerry drifted nonchalantly across the state. If you looked west you could still see the backside of the slow moving system, purple-gray with rain. In fact, I drove down from Orlando through bands of overcast and rain.

It wasn’t until I passed Vero Beach that I caught a glimpse of a sunrise trying to break through the leaden sky. We are once again approaching record rainfalls
FOR YEARS THE BEST SOURCE FOR TURF CHEMICALS HAS BEEN RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE.

Professional Products For The Turf Industry

Van Waters & Rogers Inc.
subsidiary of Univar

"Where Service Is Our Only Business"
Above, Hole #4. An emerald target in a sea of sand.

Hole #6.
Nestled among the pines and palmettos.

Photo by Daniel Zelazek.