

SNORKELS AND FINS

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for more than 60 days at a low water temperature of 50 degrees F.

The following table from Dr. Beard's book lists the relative submersion tolerance of various turfgrasses:

Excellent

Buffalograss
Bermudagrass
Creeping bentgrass

Good

Rough bluegrass
(*Poa trivialis*)

Medium

Meadow fescue
Kentucky bluegrass

Fair

Annual Bluegrass
Perennial ryegrass

Poor

Red fescue

If you can't get the water off, the best you can do is hope that your turf can hold its breath for a good long time.

If large areas are covered with soil or silt deposits, it is ideal to remove this material as soon as possible. Have patience though, because the

use of heavy equipment may be doing more harm than good. The goal is to remove as much of the soil as possible and expose the leaves. Some courses have used a mechanical bunker rake fitted with a small grading blade without causing damage. For greens, remove the soil with shovels and try to wash off as much of the silt as possible using a high pressure hose. Once everything has dried out, be prepared to aerify the affected areas to break through any soil layers that may have been deposited. It may also be necessary to rope off these areas and do some extra seeding to restore turf cover.

One final note, don't forget to take photographs. This will be helpful for possible insurance purposes, and to document the extent of the damage for yourself and various golf course officials. If you have a picture of a green half covered in silt, it may be easier to explain latter in the summer why that exact same part of the green isn't doing so well.

GCSAA ELECTION RESULTS

Gary Grigg, CGCS, was elected President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America at its Annual Meeting. Bruce Williams, CGCS, was elected Vice President, and Paul McGinnis CGCS, was elected Secretary/Treasurer. The elected directors were Tommy Witt, CGCS; George Renault, III, CGCS, and Dave Fearis, CGCS, were nominated from the floor for Director's Positions, as expected. Mike Wallace, CGCS, was appointed to fill McGinnis' one remaining year on the board.



Welcome To The Green

Welcome to the following new GCSANC members:
(Subject to 30 day wait)

CLASS A

Terry Grasso,
Superintendent
Burlingame Country Club

Ram Pal,

Superintendent
Buchanan Fields Golf Course

CLASS B

David Saly,
Superintendent
Hiddenbrooke Golf Course

Gerald Barber,

Assistant Superintendent
The Villages

ASSOCIATE

Mark Scott Jr.,
Superintendent
McInnis Park Golf Center

TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE

An overseas goodwill program has been developed by Gale Love CGCS, retired. The intention is to help and hasten the fruition of qualified golf course maintenance personnel into the Embryo stage of developing potential golf course superintendents. This hopefully, could be approached by volunteers offering their time in allowing Russian visitor to spend a few days shadowing the movements of superintendents and, or assistant superintendents in their day to day activities.

In developing this program it will also be necessary to establish a support base of Sponsors investing into the potential of future contacts in the new frontier. The need will be to help pay the expenses of these visitors.

Should you feel compelled to assist in any way, please call:

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Naumann's Nor Cal News

Mike Snyder has left Oakhurst Country Club to become the Superintendent at a private club in Banning, California. Mike Nunemacher has accepted the Superintendent position. He was the assistant prior to his promotion. Mike Clark, Superintendent at Oakmont C.C. in Santa Rosa has been busy this soggy winter. He is in the middle of installing a new Network 8000 irrigation system (Toro). Christianson Irrigation is the installation contractor.