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TURFGRASS QUIZ

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Standing water on a Florida fairway with poor unplayable turf. This problem might spring up, especially with the abundance of rain we've had this summer. What's your prognosis?

Please see Page 33 for the answer.

Overseeding 1991

Transition. Five to six months after we have agonized over establishing the overseeding, it is time to monitor the transition back to a bermudagrass playing surface. The old method of spraying out the winter grass has lost favor because it also weakens the reviving bermudagrass. Most everyone favors a combination of frequent but light verticutting, gradual lowering of cutting heights, slight increases in nitrogen rates in the scheduled fertilizer applications, and slight cutbacks in moisture amounts where possible. These procedures in combination with the natural increases in air and soil temperature and competition from the bermudagrass should enhance a smooth transition. Spring renovation, usually in April or May for most courses in this area, should complete the transition process.

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TURFGRASS QUIZ

Answer: Ponded water caused by poor subsurface, internal and surface drainage.

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