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Problem:
 No Turf on Terrace

Clue:
 Severe Erosion

Answer:
 Please see
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GCSAA's 63rd annual International Golf Course Conference and show will focus on pesticide use. 8

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Turf Quiz Answer

Replacing the turf and soil on this slope was no answer to solving the problem.

Severely compacted soil could not absorb water. Runoff was almost 100%. Aerifying the lawn five times sufficiently loosened the soil, so that it reduced runoff to zero.

Terrace was then replanted along with the lawn. Soil remained in place. Runoff can be an unseen problem on tees, fairways and greens. Check infiltration rates to guard against this hidden problem.

TPC at Sawgrass rebounds to win PGA Tour accolades

Harshly criticized a year earlier by pros unhappy with ragged playing conditions, TPC at Sawgrass rebounded to win recognition as the top-conditioned resort course on the 1991 PGA Tour in a recent *Golf Course News* survey of tour players.

A single vote was the winning margin for the Ponte Vedra course, site of The Players Championship in late March. Sawgrass edged out Callaway Gardens CC of Pine Mountain, Ga., first-year host of the Buick Southern Open.

"We accomplished our goal," said Fred Klauk, TPC superintendent. "We were on a mission to prove to the players that their flagship club was something they could be proud of."

Sawgrass was featured on the cover of the spring 1990 issue of *The Florida Green* cover just after the 1990 Players Championship. The course had been ravaged by winter storms shortly before the event and the story chronicled Klauk and his crew's efforts to bring it back in shape. Despite their best efforts, playing conditions were less than ideal and players were outspoken in voicing their displeasure.

Klauk gained widespread support from golf course superintendents around the country when he agreed to be interviewed about course conditions during the nationwide telecast of the event.

Reseeding, tree trimming and additional workers brought the course back into tournament shape. Greg Norman, one of the most vocal critics in 1990, called the 1991 edition of Sawgrass "perfect."

"It was in perfect shape, from tees



Fred Klauk, TPC superintendent

through fairways through greens," said 1990 PGA Tour Player of the Year Wayne Levi. "The practice area was immaculate, the practice area tees better than many Tour fairways."

"We got control of some of the variables that we didn't have before," said Klauk. We limited play on the course to six days a week, 150 rounds per day, closed for overseeding in October and closed for a week before the tournament. All those things contributed to the outcome and the commissioner (PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman) is to be commended for getting them accomplished."

FTGA will return to Jacksonville for '92 Conference & Show

The Florida Turfgrass Association will return to the Prime F. Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville for the 40th annual convention and trade show Sept. 20-23.

Last year's meeting — the first in Jacksonville for several years — drew more than 2,000 visitors, making it the turfgrass industry's largest convention in the Southeast.