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Seems like the weather is still the hot topic of conversation as I write this message on Feb. 20.

While some people still think of El Niño

as only affecting California and the western U.S. coast, Florida and the entire Southeast is still experiencing its impact on our weather patterns.

We have had approximately 24 inches of rain since December on my course and there's no end in sight

yet! I know each part of the state has been affected differently, but I hope the GCSAA packets on Southeastern Winter Damage sent to GCSAA members has been of help to many of you.

Those of you who have had good greens this winter, I wish you would

share with other superintendents, through the *Florida Green*, anything special you did that you felt helped you get through this winter.

For those of us — including myself — with bad spots or even a few bad greens, would you also share how you managed your weak greens through this winter? Please share any maintenance practices that seemed to help and any rebuilding or resodding you had to do to fully recover.

I know there will be some job changes. Some of them from these circumstances beyond our control. I hope most employers will have the patience and understanding to let us get through this difficult winter season.

Mother Nature is not kind to us sometimes but we will survive. Hopefully soon in our conversations, we will be able to talk about the winter of 1997-98 in the past tense!

Everybody's Still Talking About the Weather!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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