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ON THE COVER: *Number 17, Tampa Palms G&CC, Tampa. Photo by Daniel Zelazek.*

Spring is Regeneration Time

It was great to see many of you at the GIS in San Diego. Congratulations to Bob Randquist, CGCS of the Boca Rio Golf Club, our newly elected vice president of the GCSAA. Our Florida reception was once again a big hit. Thanks to Jennifer for finding another unique location for our annual gathering. Thanks to all who attended, and thank you to all of our sponsors. Without your help and support the reception would not be possible.



Bill Kistler
President

What a winter! I hope everyone survived the unusually cold weather we've had this year. By now, if you overseeded your course, hopefully transition is under way. If you did not overseed, your bermudagrass has no competition and should be coming back and starting to look good.

This spring looks to be different from most. Not only will we be getting our courses ready for the annual member/guest events but many of us also will be replacing cold-damaged land-

scape plants around our clubhouses.

As I ride the course each morning observing the many white-tailed deer with their fawns, I am reminded that spring is a time of regeneration.

After this long winter season with its extreme cold weather, this could also be a time for us as superintendents to regenerate ourselves. Take moment and look back. Focus on the positive things that were accomplished. Thank your staff and crew for their hard work during those frosty mornings and disrupted schedules.

Now focus on what lies ahead. Let your staff and crew know what the next several months will bring, like course-wide fertilization, aerification, mole cricket control, and member and/or outside events to prepare for. Just like spring training, we need to get our teams excited and ready to go for summer season projects.

Don't forget to keep a watchful eye on any local city and county meetings concerning fertilizer and other environmental issues like water quality and use. Make sure your members are informed about these meetings as well and how they could affect their lawns and lawn care companies' ability to maintain their private property.

As always, good luck and success with your chapter's spring events and activities so we can continue to pursue education, networking with peers and helping fund turf research to make our courses environmentally and economically sustainable in these challenging times.



Improve Your Water-Use Efficiency

Regularly checking irrigation head nozzles and operation for efficiency and conservation is just one of seven tips on improving water-use efficiency in Stewardship, Page 34.