



Assistant rescues woman wrecked in course pond

Greg Leach stands in front of the pond where he rescued a woman days earlier.

Then he saw her move.

"I kicked off my boots and jumped in. The water is about four feet deep," Leach told *Golfdom* the day after the incident. The car door was already open when he got there, but the woman was still wearing her seatbelt. "She was moving and speaking, but she wasn't making any sense."

Leach said he was in the water for less than two minutes, but the 35-degree water was enough to make his lower body entirely numb. The maintenance facility surveillance camera showed headlights going into the pond at 6:30 a.m.

"She sat in there for two, maybe two-and-a-half hours, in chest-deep water," Leach said.

By the time he had her out of the pond, the first police car was on the scene. The woman is expected to recover, thanks to Leach getting her out of the water when he did.

"It was a little bit exciting for what I thought would be a slow Monday morning," Leach said. ■

So much for a slow Monday after Christmas, Greg Leach, assistant superintendent at Lubbock (Texas) CC, said.

Leach arrived at the course around 7 a.m. when one of his crew members came into the shop and told him there was a car in the pond on No. 15.

"I thought he meant someone

stole a golf car and drove that into the pond," Leach said. "I didn't realize it was a real car until I saw it. I was about to call 911 when I saw someone was still in there."

Leach figured the woman in the car was dead. Overnight temperatures had dropped to 25 degrees and there were areas of ice on the corners of the pond.

Texas A&M Turf professor, wife, killed in car accident

Dr. J. Chris Stiegler, assistant professor of turfgrass science and ecology at Texas A&M, and his wife, Jenny, both died in a car wreck on Christmas Eve near Waco, Texas.

"He was a bright, articulate young man. His best asset was that he worked well with all people – students, faculty, industry. He had a respect for everyone," said Dr. David Baltensperger, head of the department of soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M. "What he brought to our department was a new energy for turfgrass research."

A fund has been established for the couple's infant daughter Emily, the only survivor of the wreck:

Emily Grace Stiegler in care of Citizens State Bank
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Quotable

"Based on historical trends, on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the busiest, Tuesday, Feb. 8th will be a 1 (at Disney World). The weekend of the 12th and 13th, the parks will only be at 30- and 40-percent capacity. It's really not a bad time of the year to be in Orlando."

— Seth Kubersky, author of *"Universal Orlando 2011"*