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# THE Greenside UP

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Where Green Matters



## MARCH MADNESS

We are certainly in the midst of a very busy time of year for Golf Course Maintenance. Throughout the month of March, the scheduled closed days will find GCM bringing in outside contractors to make our mole cricket applications to the property. The product will be slit injected into the soil. The tractor and the pull behind implement will leave slicing marks in the turf. It will also be normal to see a spot or two that gets roughed up in the process. These slicing marks will remain for a couple of weeks as the turf heals itself. Assisting this healing process will be our first bulk fertilization of the year. This fertilizer application will also have our spring weed pre-emergent sparged into the blend. Over 20 tons of fertilizer will be applied to our playing

surfaces. We are preparing the property for the arrival of spring but in a conservative manner. We would expect to still get cool in the evenings. Our turf may green up but the growth rate and recovery will stay to a minimum. Thus we will not be too aggressive with our mowing and grooming practices. We will continue to micro manage the golf course on a daily basis. As the weather warms we will adjust mowing heights, watering schedules and grooming practices accordingly. Our equipment technicians are very busy in the shop finishing up the unusually short winter window of breaking down all of our cutting units for winter service. Our grounds department will be working around the club facilities planting, mulching and readying the

Irrigation systems for the upcoming warm weather. We will accomplish these tasks while managing a very busy golf schedule. Ladies Member/Member, The Irish Open, The Jim Furyk and the John Hayt Championship are all part of a busy month. Our task will be to keep the facility in as close to championship conditions as possible while we manage the unpredictable weather changes. Maintaining this level of playing conditions requires a committed effort from our full staff and then some. We will have contractors on site to help with some of the agronomic practices that have to take place regardless of the golf calendar. This coordination and work load is certainly exciting and is why we enjoy hosting the many tournaments in order to show off our special property at one of the prettiest times of the year. As always we thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you on the course!



# FAQ

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Friendly reminder: daylight saving time returned at 2 a.m. (local time) on Sunday, March 11, which means we will "spring" those clocks forward. Sadly, yes, we'll lose an hour of sleep. But on the bright side (literally), we'll be gaining an hour of evening light through Nov. 4 -- when it's time to "fall" back. Daylight saving time will be extra special this year, as it marks the 100th anniversary of the event. The tradition of turning clocks forward officially began on March 19, 1918. Here's what you need to know about the soon-to-be century-old tradition.

### When did daylight saving time start?

It was established during World War I as "a way of conserving fuel needed for war industries and of extending the working day," the Library of Congress explained in a post. But it was only temporary. The law was repealed about a year later, on August 20, 1919, as soon as the war was over. "However, the sections of the 1918 law, which had established standard time zones for the country, remained in effect," the library said. "In 1921, Congress readjusted the western boundary of the standard central time zone, shifting parts of Texas and Oklahoma into this zone." The topic of daylight saving surfaced again during World War II. On Jan. 20, 1942 Congress re-established daylight saving time. More than two decades later, in 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Uniform Time Act, declaring daylight saving time a policy of the U.S.



SOUTHERN RED CEDAR	WHY WE LOVE IT	IN YOUR GARDEN	GROWING TIPS
This beautiful tree is naturally found in Florida. Often seen along tidal marshes or on leeward side of dunes. Loves full sun and dry well draining soils.	These trees perform with little to no care. Not particular about soils and insects and disease are not a problem when grown in full sun.	Pick an open full sun spot in your yard. Make sure to have plenty of room for your cedar as they can reach 25-30 tall and 25-30 wide!!!	Difficult to transplant once established but can be moved when small. Water well until established then "forget" about the tree. Growth can be poor in landscapes that are over watered.