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## Time to tee off at Coral Oaks

### New grass ready for busy winter season

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The grass isn't always greener.

But, it is now, after the Celebration Bermuda sprouted and is lying like a fine frosting on top of the tees at Coral Oaks golf course. The new grass has been growing all summer, waiting for the first players to take a swing.

"The greens were redone in 2000, but the tees have never gone through a renovation," said Allen Manguson, the director of golf for Coral Oaks.

Manguson said the entire staff at the course was involved in the process of tearing up the old grass and nurturing the new growth. An outside firm leveled the ground and distributed the Celebration Bermuda last spring.

"It looked brown and you thought it would never grow," Manguson said.

A few months and several heavy rains later, and the new grass looks at home on the approach to all 18 holes. Golfers got a chance to tee off on the fresh tees last weekend.



• Coral Oaks Golf Course groundskeeper Jerry McKay mows the new tees one last time before they opened to players last week.

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Golfers Dee Scott and Eileen Kaplla tee off several times a week and said they are eager to try the new tees.

"I'm looking forward to the even ladies tees," Scott said.

Scott and Kaplla said that while the new roots were getting a grip on the terra firma, they used the temporary tees the groundskeeper prepared as a substitute.

"We were able to work around it," Kaplla said. "This course is in excellent condition."

Coral Oaks completed the updates just in time for a busy season. Community organizations and clubs are booking the course for heavy use this fall and winter.

"We want people to play here," golf course superintendent Jim Foster said. "The more the merrier."

Player Chris Sanders got a sneak peak at the greens during a golf lesson the week before they opened.

"I think it's fantastic," he said. "It's a lot more than any of us expected from a city course. It gives me more confidence. I've been blaming the tees for my game until now."

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