



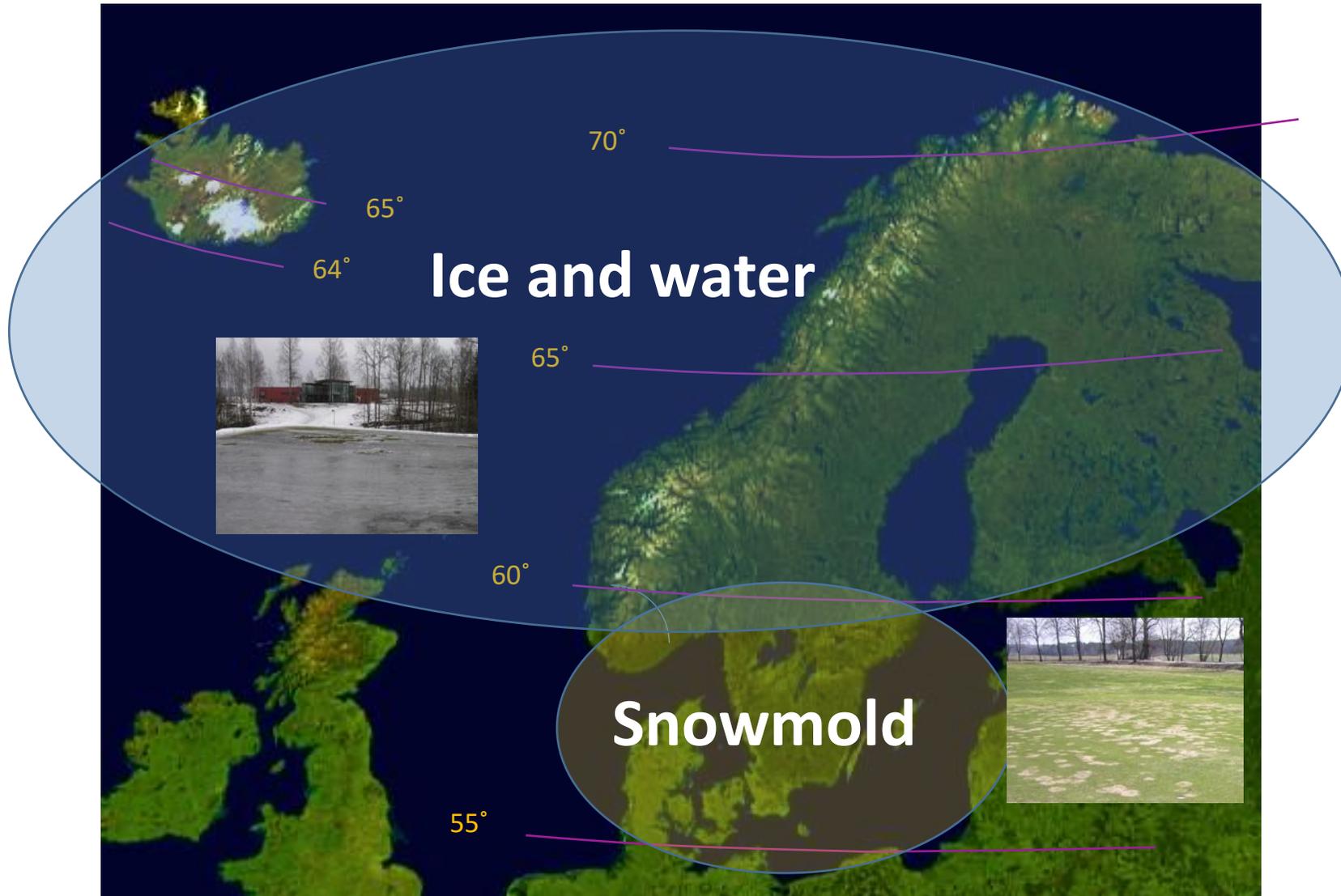
Winterprotection in Sweden.

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# Håkan Blusi

- Started working on a golfcourse 1995.
- Course manager 2003.
- Course consultant northern Sweden.
- Covered greens first time 2005.
- Timrå GK host for two STERF cover trials. 2007-2010 & 2011-2014.





Credit: STERF.

Challenging winters.



# Nordic greenkeeping



*Credit: Juha Karsikko*

# How many courses do cover greens in Sweden?

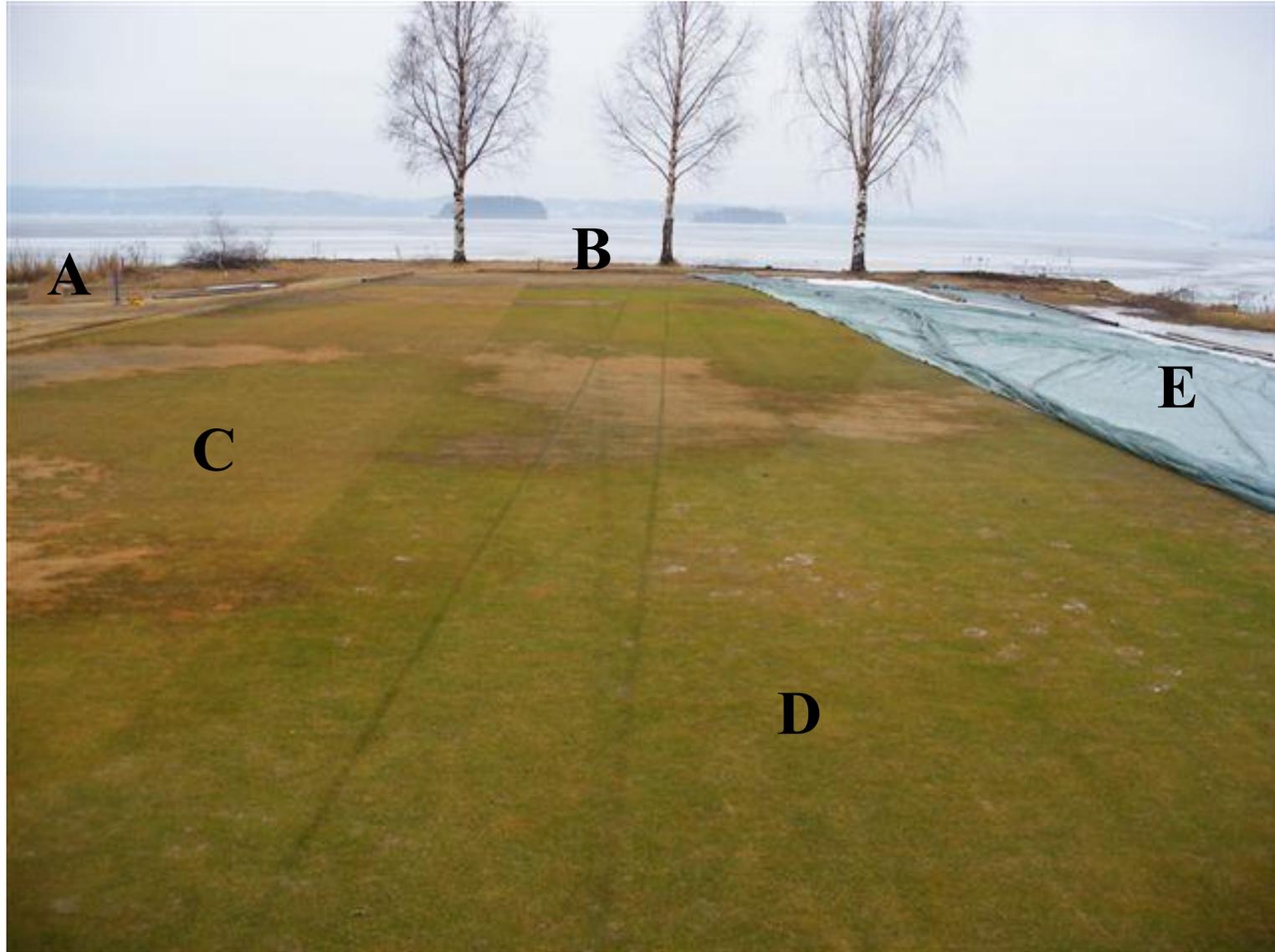
- Approximately 30 clubs (of 450).
- One up to all greens covered.
- Most use fungicides.
- Stockholm (south).
- Östersund (north).
- Impermeable, permable underneath most common technic.
- Most courses in Sweden don't need to cover.
- Most courses that start to cover continue.
- Covers are insurance for a good start of the season.



How it started.



STERF trial 2007-2010.

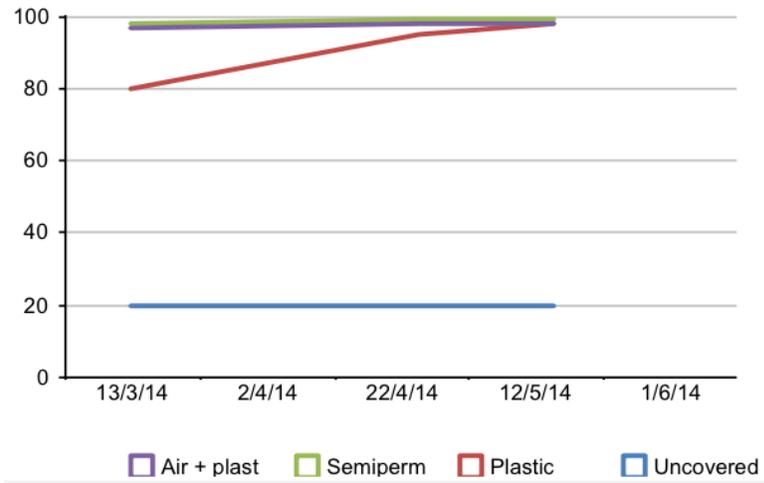


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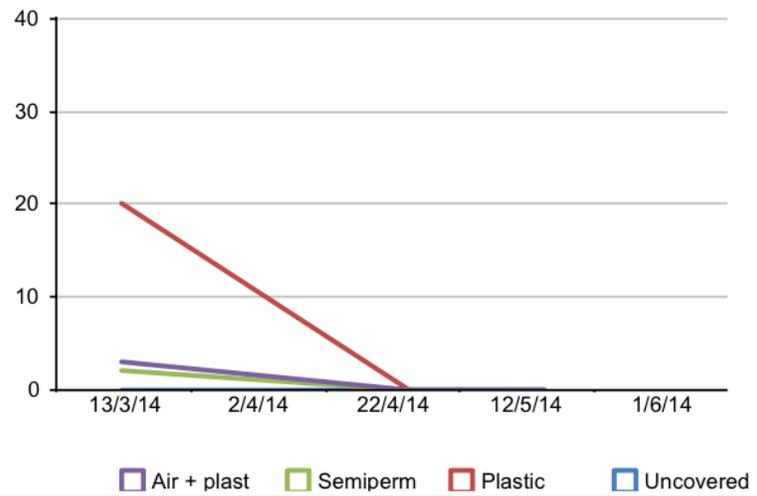


STERF trial 2011-2014.

Turf cover, % □ Timrå GC, spring 2014



Winter disease, % □ Timrå GC, spring 2014



Credit: Boel Sandström.



# Timrå GK April 2015.



Sterf.org

[golf.se](http://golf.se) HGU by Mads Thers. "Winterprotection from north to south"



Hudiksvall GK April 2022

# My experience.

- Most of the times it works perfect, but not every time.
- Harder to have success with push-up greens.
- Faster recovery if damaged.
- Less work than you think.
- Insurance.
- Find your method.
- More expensive **NOT** to cover greens than doing it.

I rather look at grass, than looking for it.



*Photo: Daniel Gottvall.*

# Thank you!



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