

# ACSP environmental planning outline

## 1. Wildlife Habitat Management:

A. Current: Native saltwater marshes are overgrown with non-native species of Brazilian Pepper and Melaleuca trees.

Future: Plan a non-native tree removal program to enhance the natural wetland area, allowing Red & Black Mangroves growth to provide cover for wading birds. Cary Lewis to monitor. Began 5/93.

B. Current: Clean edges with little vegetation throughout the fresh water lake system on the golf course.

Future: Planting of fresh water aquatic plant material to improve fish population and increase habitat for our many species of wading birds. Mike Swanson to monitor. Began Spring 1994.

C. Current: Few Nesting Cavities.

Future: Initiated and installed a nesting box program (Adopt-A-Box), membership funded, to attract bluebirds, wood ducks and other varieties. Randy Mosley to monitor. Began Spring 1993.

D. Current: Several small areas currently maintained as golf

turf.

Future: Investigate native grasses and wildflowers to possibly plant in these areas to increase habitat. Cary Lewis to monitor. Begin Spring 1995.

## 2. Water Conservation:

Current: Toro automatic system, using 100% reclaimed water for irrigation of all property. Practice deep watering programs which increase efficiency. Reclaimed source has high sodium levels which causes some salt burn at certain times.

Future: Install an acid injection system that will decrease the soluble salt load and increase water effectiveness. Cary Lewis to investigate and install when funding is approved.

## 3. Public Involvement:

Current: "Adopt-A-Nest" program for members and guests. We have installed a permanent Audubon Information Center in the Proshop, which includes bird books and a wildlife log.

Future: Native plant tagging program to increase awareness. Tom Pyne to monitor.

Cary Lewis

Stouffer Vinoy Resort

## ACSP workshops announced

Florida golf courses are in a position to take a positive environmental leadership role with involvement in the ACSP. Currently, over 100 Florida golf courses are members of this very worthwhile program. Canada is behind us with 74 members and Michigan, Illinois and California follow with approximately 65 each. This program offers a wonderful opportunity to get the word out that golf courses are good for people, wildlife and the environment.

To help golf courses who have already joined this program and want to become certified, the USGA Green Section, the Audubon Society of New York State, Inc., Tampa Palms & Golf & Country Club in Tampa, and Collier's Reserve in Naples, are offering two, one-day ACSP workshops.

The dates are Thursday, August 11 at Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club and Monday, August 15 at Collier's Reserve. The format will be a three-hour workshop in the morning, lunch, followed by golf in the afternoon. The learning process will continue through your round of golf, as ACSP programs implemented throughout the golf course will be pointed out and explained by literature provided.

The cost for this seminar is \$40 and GCSAA CEU's are being applied for. Space is limited at both sites. To register, call

- Greg Plotner, Tampa Palms G & CC 813-972-3375 Aug. 17
- Tim Hiers, Collier's Reserve 813-597-7063 Aug. 15

If you would be interested in hosting a ACSP workshop at your golf course, please call Shelly Foy with the USGA Green Section at 407-546-2620.



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