

## Florida fuel tanks must be insured

BY SCOTT BELL

On January 1, 1995, all above ground fuel storage tanks were required to be insured. If you have above ground fuel storage tanks that hold over 550 gallons of fuel, then you are required to carry restoration insurance and third party liability coverage.

Restoration insurance will cover the costs (after a deductible) for clean up from a fuel spill. Those costs can include soil and water remediation, reporting and testing. The third-party liability covers you in the event that the contamination leaves your property and affects your neighbor's property.

The limits needed for tanks of 250,000 gallons or less are \$1 million per incident and \$2 million annual aggregate for facility clean up and third party liability coverage. With all of the remediation, testing and reporting, restoration costs can easily exceed \$100,000.

The law allows for a facility to self insure itself if it can meet certain criteria explained in 17-769.5000 FAC. A facility can purchase insurance from a private insurance company, or they can participate in the Florida Petroleum Liability and Restoration Insurance Program (FPLRIP). Information can be obtained by calling:

**FPLRIP 1-800-475-4055**  
**PLUS 1-800-866-4758**  
**another insurance program**

For more information, call the FL DEP at 904-488-0876. It should be noted that if you have below ground storage tanks, they should have already been insured, and if they are not, they should be insured as soon as possible.

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made the operation possible: (1) Loaner equipment in the form of three walk mowers, a fairway mower, a Jake 3810 and a bunker rake, (2) They didn't have to mow the roughs after the first day of the week, and (3) Super volunteer, former superintendent, Gary Morgan who showed up every day to help drag fairways and rake bunkers.

Mark would like to acknowledge the training and experience he got by understudying Tom Alex at Grand Cypress. Mark said, "I set my benchmarks for excellence based on what I learned from Tom. I saw and learned what a golf course could be. Why would anyone strive for anything less? It is the model I use to compare results here at LPGA International."

With a clubhouse, resort, and homes to be built, Mark and company have a lot of work ahead. But for now, congratulations on an outstanding debut!

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