

Mother Kloska's guidance pays off

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How many times did you hear this phrase when you were growing up, "If you give just a little of yourself, you will get a lot in return?" Mother Kloska must have said that a million times (not just to me, I have five sisters and a brother). The standard answer was always, "Yes, mother, sure, I know."

Golf course superintendents, always seem to be on the latter side of that phrase. We are usually the ones giving so much. We are at the beck and call of our members, committees, owners or general managers.

So often, they ask for things that seem to them to be so small, yet it requires large

portions of our time and energy to fulfill their requests.

Recently, I have had the opportunity of being on the former side of that phrase. It started last spring when I got a phone call from Shelly Foy inquiring about my interest in the Audubon School Program.

I was familiar with the Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses from my experience as golf course superintendent at the Champions Club at Summerfield.

In 1994, we became the second Signature Cooperative Sanctuary Golf Course, behind Collier's Reserve.

Getting the Jupiter Island Club into the Audubon program was one of my goals for the upcoming year. Shelly asked me if I would be interested in "adopting"

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She was very clear that this would not be a drain on my time. Initially, it would be about four to five hours one day a month.

Hobe Sound Elementary School has an HSE Day once per month. HSE, the school initials, has become Helping Save the Environment and is the school theme. On these days the entire student body, faculty, staff and community volunteers participate in a number of activities from weeding beds, planting gardens, composting, mulching and environmental education projects.

Shelly knew that I had the resources to donate trees to the school's plant enhancement efforts. The club graciously donated 14 Royal Palm trees to be planted by the 5th grade.

My first HSE day came, and I spent time planting trees with the 5th grade and staking sunflowers with the kindergarten class. I have been back almost every HSE Day since.

I never expected this to blossom into

the relationship I have with the school today. I look forward to HSE Days and helping Shelly plan activities for upcoming months.

In addition to the Royal Palm trees, we have helped plant a pine tree nursery, donated mulch and other materials needed for HSE Days, loaned needed equipment, improved the irrigation system, and have a list of HSE Day projects that will take us well into 1998.

Yet, it really does not ask that much of my time. Activities are scheduled well in advance and a majority of the work occurs when I can afford the time. This has been an extremely rewarding experience, and I urge you to become involved if you are asked.

The schools need your experience and resources more than your time.

There are many projects that a superintendent can contribute to just by reviewing plans or surveying a site to give suggestions.

Any help we can give is always appreciated. The members of the Jupiter Island

Others work with schools

If you are interested in learning more about how golf courses in Florida are working with schools, here is a list of superintendents you can call:

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Darren Davis, Olde Florida Golf Club, 941-351-4441

Adam Feltman, The Champions Club, 561-223-5590

Tim Hiers, Collier's Reserve, 941-597-7063

Rob Kloska, Jupiter Island Club, 561-546-1184

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What's In A Name?

Since we ran a picture of some of the old mowers and equipment from St. Andrews in this issue, I thought it might be appropriate to have a little quiz on the old names for golf clubs. The number 1 wood is still called the driver by most players. Match the club on the left with its modern day counterpart on the right. Answers on page 83.

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| 1. Baffy | a. 2 wood |
| 2. Brassie | b. 3 wood |
| 3. Cleek | c. 4 wood |
| 4. Jigger | d. 5 wood |
| 5. Lofter | e. 3 iron |
| 6. Mashie | f. 4 iron |
| 7. Mid Mashie | g. 5 iron |
| 8. Niblick | h. 8 iron |
| 9. Spoon | i. 9 iron |

Club support my efforts and are even allowing us to hold a fund raiser at our Beach Club for Hobe Sound Elementary School's Audubon programs.

This is a program that your membership or owner should be very interested in. It brings a lot of positive image to a club.

Other local superintendents — Bill Lanthier, Roy McDonald, Adam Feltman and Craig Weyandt — are enjoying the same satisfaction that I am from being involved with local schools. I'm sure that the same holds true for them. They are giving a little, and getting a lot in return.

Thanks, Mother Kloska, for the sound guidance.

A note from the principal...

"Not only has Rob been an integral part of our involvement with the Audubon Co-operative Sanctuary Program, but he has also become a contributing member of our

School Advisory Council. He assists the school in completing the state mandated School Improvement Plan and has provided leadership in the area of campus beautification and development. We are extremely grateful to Rob and the Jupiter Island Club whom he represents."

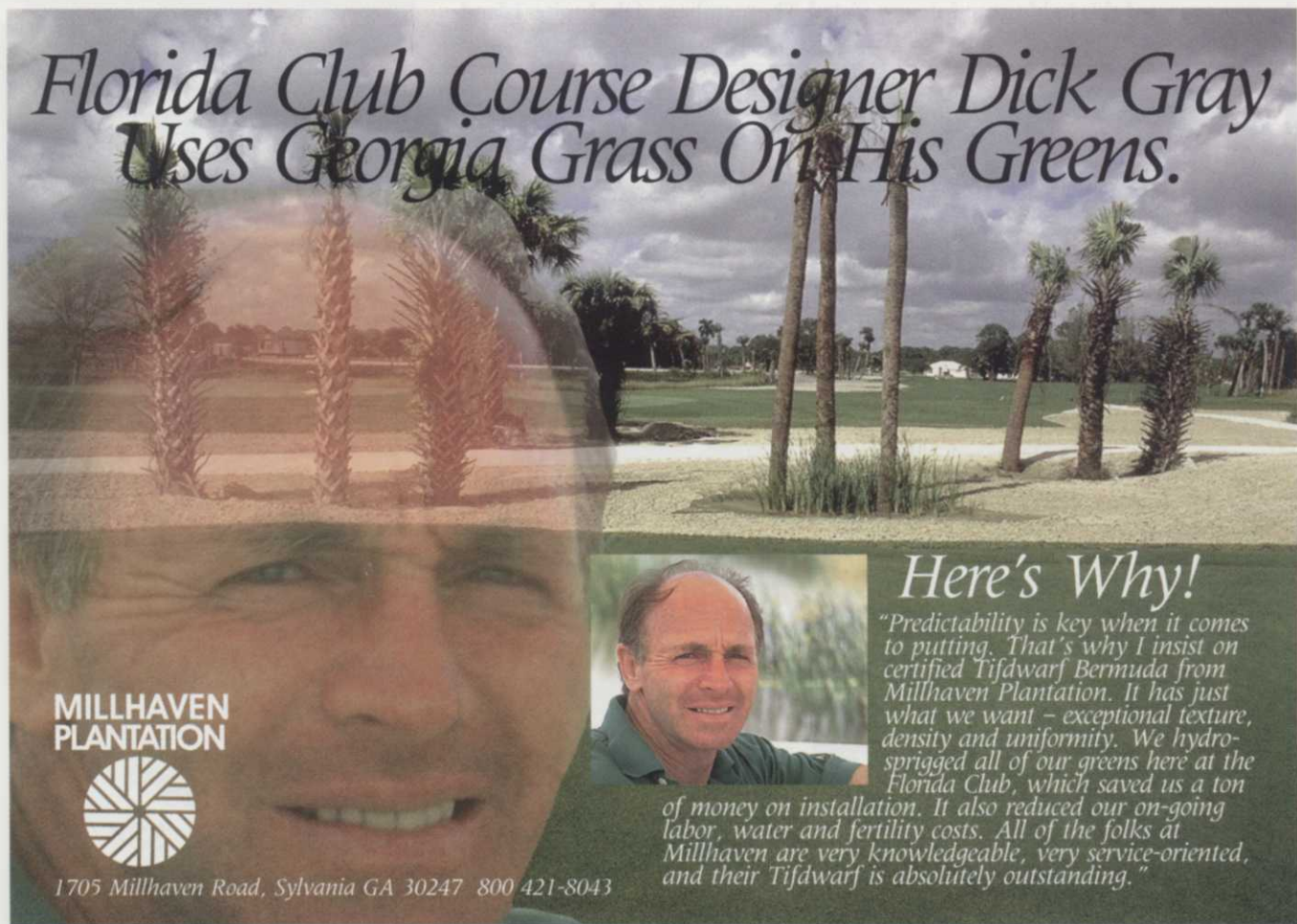
Don Merritt, Principal,
Hobe Sound Elementary School

...And the teacher

"It's so much fun to watch Rob interact with the kids. His enthusiasm is contagious to both teachers and students. He is always there for us when he says he is going to be. We can rely on him to follow through with all of our planned projects. He is great to work with and is a teacher to all of us."

Sandy Pisano
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