COVERAGE STORY: LAUREL OAK COUNTRY CLUB

Eighteen years ago, Laurel Oak opened the Gary Player-designed West Course just a few miles east of Interstate 75 in Sarasota north of Bee Ridge Road. Five years later, the East Course opened in 1994. It was also designed by Player.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: GOLFER’S COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Every golfer wants to play on quality turf. And certainly most golf course operators and owners want to have quality turf. And golf course superintendents work hard to achieve that. So why do these decisions fail to get realized?

HANDS ON: MANAGING LABOR

Finding, retaining and managing a fluctuating multi-cultural workforce is just another challenge for today’s superintendent. With continued reports of golf growth flat-lining, we asked our members to write about how they have been affected in the labor management department.

INDUSTRY NEWS: NEW SPINKLER FOR BUNKER FACES

A new genre of sprinkler is popping up on golf courses to address the problem of irrigating areas such as bunker faces, slopes, tee boxes and landscaped areas surrounding greens. Multi-stream, multi-trajectory rotating (MSMR) sprinklers.

STEWARDSHIP: GREEN GOLFER CHALLENGE

Audubon International, with support from the PGA of America and the USGA, has launched the Audubon Green Golfer program, which asks golfers to take the “Green Golfer Pledge.” Take a look at all 130+ courses already on the list.

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