

*Mind if I
play through?*

A big gator on the Sanctuary Golf Course on Sanibel Island hunkers down to wait for golfers to putt out. Photo by Kyle Sweet.

Stewardship Notes

Kyle Sweet, Sanctuary Golf Club, Sanibel Island: Joel, I took this photo last weekend. I was encouraging (at a safe distance of course) this gator to find his way to the nearest lake. Out of a landscaped area we came and the group of golfers on the green were quite surprised. The gator laid down, waited for them to putt out and then proceeded to stroll down through the bunker, across the green and into the lake. I don't typically don't use my iPhone for photos but in this case it was handy and a trek back to the cart to get my camera would've missed this great photo opportunity.

Ricky Reeves, Miami Beach Golf Course: This is why we love our jobs. We're close to nature. There must have been 25 to 30 of these little guys on No.12 fairway.

Joellen Lampman, Associate Director of Environmental

Programs, Audubon International: We are happy to announce that Audubon International has certified the 1000th golf course in the ACSP program.

The Eagles Pride Golf Course is located at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington's South Puget Sound region.

The 27-hole championship course was ranked one of the top ten military golf courses by Travel + Leisure and is open to the public.

Since being established in 1991, ACSP membership (including facilities working towards certification) has grown to more than 2,300 golf courses in the United States and 36 countries worldwide. The program

issued its first certification in 1993 and now includes golf courses in North America, Central America, Europe, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Southeast Asia.



A couple of dozen baby turtles were found wandering the 12th hole on the Miami Beach Golf Course. Photo by Rickey Reeves.