Collier's Reserve: Clean, clean, clean — and very well organized

By TERRY BUCHEN

Clean and organized" is a rule at Collier's Reserve Country Club that transcends the Natural Resource Management Center, or maintenance complex, and it covers the entire golf course, according to Golf Course Manager Tim Hiers.

"We impose trust in our employees," Hiers said. "Keeping things clean and organized is a rule, and it sets the standard for everything else we do out on the course."

To accomplish this goal, a parking space marked with a distinctive yellow line is set aside for each medium and large piece of equipment. Each yellow line is either marked with a four-wheeled aerosol can-type instrument that is literally pushed anywhere Hiers wants it applied, or a masking tape-type material is laid down and each line is painted with a brush.

"We have spent a lot of quality time planning and organizing, trying to use every bit of space properly and efficiently so every square foot is not gone to waste," Hiers said. "The idea was to get in and out of the building as quickly and efficiently as possible."

Each garage door is 10 feet high and 12 feet wide. Ceiling fans help circulate the air. Ceiling-mounted air hoses on retractable hose reels are used regularly. Wall-mounted, retractable drop cords, with lights, are available for the staff as well.

The equipment storage area is well lit with fluorescent lighting throughout, along with translucent side panels for additional lighting which makes a staff person feel like they are outdoors. An ice machine is conveniently located for employees to fill their personal water coolers or the ice can be used out on the course.

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