

Clean and efficient use of wall space

By TERRY BUCHEN

NAPLES, Fla. — The command center of the golf course and grounds maintenance operation at Collier's Reserve Country Club here is called the Natural Resource Management Center (NRMC) "to reflect our total outlook and responsibility towards the environment," said golf course manager Tim Hiers.

"We pride ourselves in keeping the cleanest and most organized NRMC that we can as a team-spirited operation," Hiers said.

One example is along the exterior wall immediately outside the complex housing the office, reception area, employee lunchroom, bathroom, locker room and soil test room. This building is located adjacent to the equipment storage area and outside it sit a large stainless steel basin sink where three to four employees can wash their hands at one time by using a foot-activated water faucet.

"This really helps keep our office/employee areas much cleaner," Hiers said.

An electric 110-volt hand drier with a built-in timer is hygienically cleaner than using paper towels. And there is a sun-screen dispenser, as well as liquid soap dispenser, for employee protection, he said.

"We like to recycle at every opportunity," Hiers said, "so we installed two aluminum can crushers and containers and a container for recycling plastic bottles and the like, along with a sturdy plastic trash container."

The complex's wall-mounted handicap-accessible stainless steel drinking fountain can handle any needs of employees or guests.

To liven up Collier's Reserve's employee safety campaign, large framed safety posters are scattered throughout the NRMC, using Herman, the comic strip character, as a central theme.

Suncoast scores fundraising winner

SARASOTA, Fla. — The Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association's annual fund-raising event at Misty Creek Country Club here raised \$2,500 for the FGCSA Turf Research Fund.

The four man scramble format teams a golf course superintendent, a club golf pro, a club member or management person and a turf supplier/vendor.

Besides the \$2,500 for research, other proceeds will be donated to local junior golf programs.

The Florida GCSA is an association made up of 11 local chapters and 930 members.

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On the floor Hiers used safety yellow-colored striping so vehicles are parked inside the yellow lines and employees can walk safely.

A vertical air compressor bolted to the concrete floor on

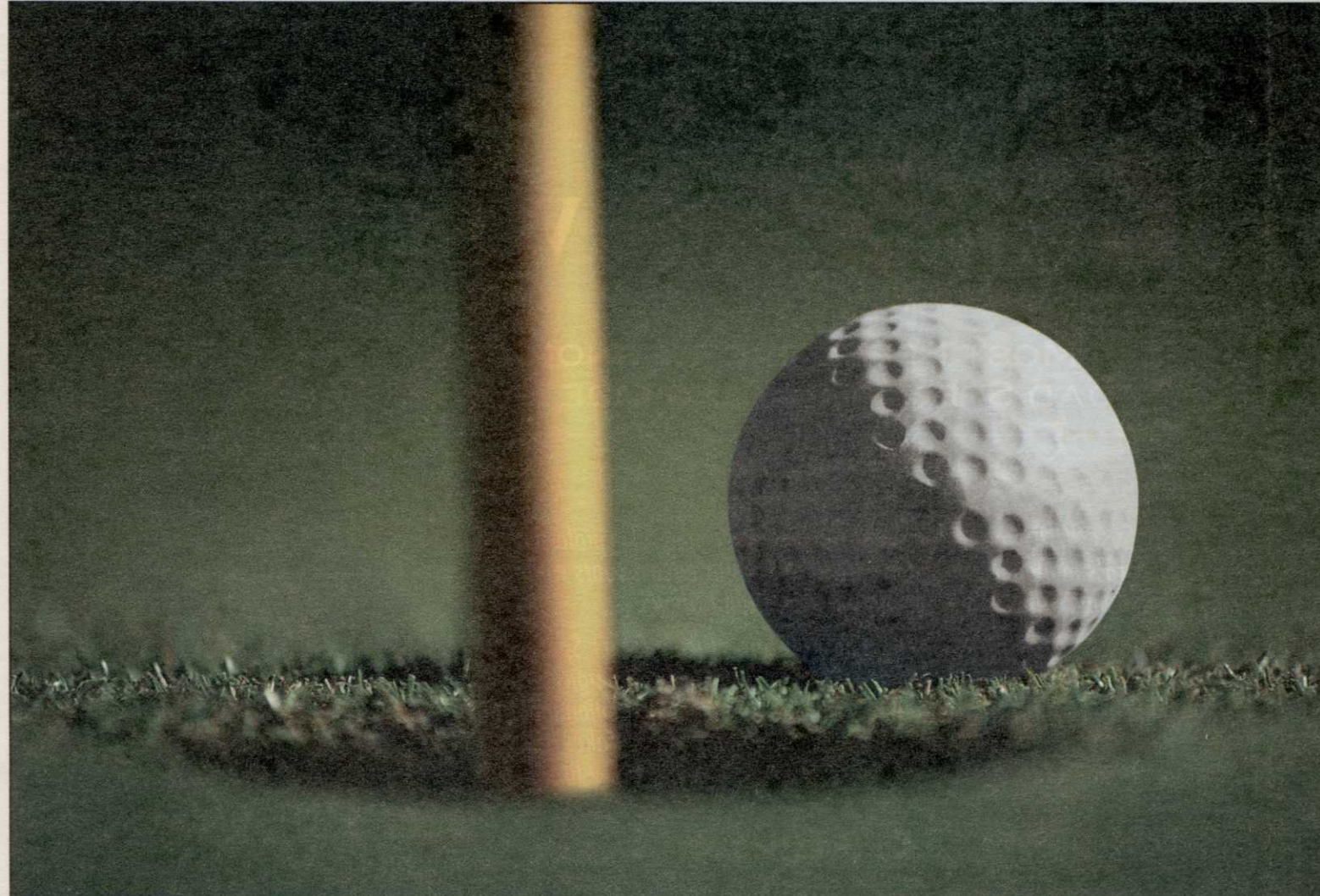


the far right side, has many OSHA safety covers. They cover the power drive belts that operate the air compressor motor and pump. This soon will be totally enclosed with sound proofing insulation and an appropriate structure, with doorway, Hiers added.



Everything is clean and organized in the natural resource management center.

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