

Editorial

Are you a certified golf course superintendent? If not, why not? Being certified must be a goal of every national member. Personal pride in yourself, profession, and club will lead you to obtain this level of distinguished excellence.

Florida had 26 certified superintendents at the beginning of the year. Illinois leads the nation with 35, and Ohio is runnerup with 28. Following our state is California 18, Michigan 16, New York 14, Maryland 14, and New Jersey 12. The importance of these numbers shows that still only a small number of serious superintendents achieve this level. An early criticism of the program "that everyone will become certified" has not materialized.

Many young well-qualified superintendents are counting the days until they are eligible to earn this rating. After class A status has been achieved the waiting period of two years has been established. This may be holding the numbers down. The route to a certified level will average 10 years. Four years college, two years field experience, three years to earn an A rating and then the two-year waiting period. You can be a practicing medical surgeon in less time.

Lets push for Florida to be the nation's leader in certified superintendents. Which local state chapter will be the leader?