

LONNIE STUBBS – COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

HE MAKES EVERYTHING GO – AND GROW

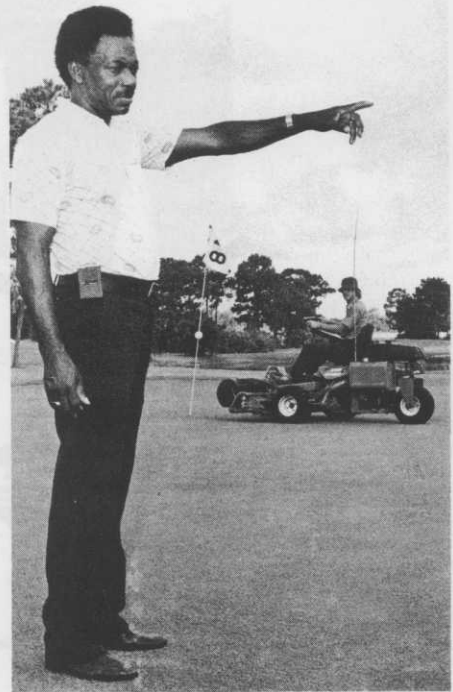
By JAN SHELLEY

One of the most familiar faces seen around Sandpiper Bay belongs to a very special guy, Lonnie Stubbs, Golf Course Superintendent. And no wonder . . . Lonnie will be starting his 21st year at Sandpiper Bay this month.

Born in the Bahamas (Lonnie won't tell us what year), he came to the U.S. in 1948, where he held various positions . . . all related to plants and landscaping. It wasn't long before he knew that this was what he really enjoyed the most and wanted to make his career.

His first position with GDC was landscaping in Vero Shores. Shortly after, Sandpiper Bay (then called the St. Lucie Country Club and Villas) persuaded Lonnie to join the ground maintenance crew, where, after only three months on the job, he was promoted to foreman. Five years later, he was made Golf Course Supervisor, which not only included the golf course grounds but also lawn maintenance at the hotel and the surrounding homes built by GDC.

Now, as Golf Course Superintendent, Lonnie boasts of a staff of 31. Lonnie, his men and their achievements speak for themselves. Just take a look around at the beautiful fair-



Underfoot or afar, Lonnie notices.

ways, greens and tees at the golf courses and the manicured lawns and plantings surrounding the hotel. As a member of the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America, Lonnie is constantly attending seminars all over the state (and sometimes out of state), to keep informed on the latest in new chemicals, insect control, fertilizer, seeding, etc.

Lonnie is married to a lovely lady, Daisy, who has given him six handsome sons, ages 17 to 29. He said that was planned since he didn't want the expense of marrying off any daughters! Is that true, Daisy?

Lonnie was recently elected President of the newly formed Treasure Coast Chapter, Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Sandpiper Bay is proud of Lonnie and his achievements and sincerely hopes he'll be around for another 21 years.

Editors note: Jan Shelly is the Public Relations Director of the Sandpiper Bay Resort. The above article appeared in the Souvenir Program of the 1981 Florida Open. ■



Lonnie Stubbs with Craig Baker (center) and Tom Burrows at recent Treasure Coast golf outing.