

A & L to Offer In-House Nematode Analysis

A & L Southern Agricultural Laboratories is pleased to announce it will offer fast, in-house nematode assays to the turf industry, starting in mid-January. The Fort Lauderdale-base laboratory-consulting firm will provide nematode testing in addition to soil, plant, water, and disease analyses

A & L formerly did nematode work via their Richmond laboratory. The delicate nature of nematode samples makes shipping them long distance impractical, as the nematodes can die and decompose in transit. The accuracy of such tests can suffer if the samples are exposed to heat or drying. By doing the assays right here in Florida, superintendents can ship nematode samples by UPS or another carrier overnite, with good assurance that the samples will arrive in good shape.

Speed is vital in nematode work. A fast lab can give the superintendent quick information that can be so crucial in making turf management decisions. A & L will phone your nematode results as soon as they're complete if you request, and they are proud to offer this new service to FLORIDA'S TURF INDUSTRY.

"Florida Golf Day Extends to Florida Golf Week"

For the last two years your Florida G.C.S.A. has been sponsoring the fund raising efforts focused around "Florida Golf Day." The efforts that have been displayed by many golf courses around the state should be commended and hopefully they will continue to show their support. In the year of 1986 we have lengthened the time frame to one full week in order to accommodate the clubs or superintendents that were not able to have an event on the one day that was previously selected. Florida Golf Week will be held on April 1 thru April 7. This week has been selected since it falls just prior to the Masters Tournament and the interest in golf and the beauty of the golf course is at an all time high.

In the past many clubs have been successful by sponsoring a closest to the pin contest or just running some sort of small tournament that can generate a return of 200 to 500 dollars per club. If we can get this type of support from only twenty-five per cent of Florida's clubs we can generate between 35,000 and 90,000 dollars. Folks, that kind of money can help the research programs a great deal.

The attractive posters advertising the Florida Golf Week will soon be distributed to each chapter throughout the state to help stimulate golfer interest. Good luck with your efforts.

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