

Zelazek's covers make it easy to compile wish list of Florida courses to visit

Dear Mr. Jones:

Each time I receive my latest copy of The Florida Green, I plan to write and commend you on the fine job you have done over the years in developing this unique magazine. Well, better late than never.

I have particularly enjoyed the outstanding cover photographs by Daniel Zelazek. Saving the covers of each issue has been an easy way for us to compile a wish list of golf courses for our next Florida vacation.

I certainly hope all future plans are to continue with this long practice of excellence in cover photography. Perhaps you should also consider a second large photo as a golf course centerfold. We would certainly enjoy seeing twice as many of these quality photographs by Mr. Zelazek.

The development of the type and depth of the articles over the years and the more recent addition of the credits for the inside photographs have been excellent steps in the development of this fine magazine.

The best to you all in the future.

*K. Mitchell
San Francisco*

Wedge article on pine tree decline prompts follow-up study by forest pathologist

Dear Mr. Jones:

The article by David Wedge concerning the pine tree decline syndrome which appeared in the summer edition of The Florida Green was an important review of this problem. Mr. Wedge described the two major causes of decline in golf course construction shock and alkaline water irrigation, which allow this problem to persist.

Since the publication of the early research which Mr. Wedge mentioned, I have continued to test chemical solutions for low-pressure, microinjection into declining pines.

One series of injections into chlorotic pines at a golf course in Bradenton has shown very encouraging results. Injections performed early last March into 120 trees allowed almost all trees to improve in foliar color and to demonstrate production of new foliage. Three trees in an advanced state of decline had died by early August, but the remaining trees maintained the improved color.

I'll continue to monitor these trees through March, 1990, when a one-year evaluation will be made.

If there are additional golf course superintendents who may want to sponsor additional research trials at their courses, I would be pleased to hear from them.

*Roger S. Webb
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Dear Dan & Irene:

It's unfortunate that in all the time I've known you, I've never had the pleasure of meeting you. Both Don and I have enjoyed working with you on The Florida Green and are sad to know you are leaving it.

You have done a fabulous job and should leave knowing you are appreciated by everyone!

I marvel at your ability to get everything accomplished. You must love high pressure! Good luck in the future.

*Maureen & Don Kooyer
Jacksonville*

Letters always welcome

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