

Noble causes not always politically correct

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streams and estuaries such as Lake Worth. They say that prior to concrete jungles appearing, Lake Worth was teeming with wildlife and fish. Today it is teeming with motorboats and jet skis and any fish left are unsafe to eat.

Surely this is as noble a cause as the Everglades. Part of the money could be used to properly dispose of the hazardous wastewater generated by the people living in these concrete jungles. Their waste today is dumped offshore only to be found later on the reefs of Florida Bay or washing onto the beaches from Miami to Jacksonville.

Yes this indeed would be a noble cause but not a politically correct

one. You see these “environmentalists” survive and increase in numbers because they know when to be moral and ethical for a just cause and when to keep their mouths shut. There is not the first one amongst them that has the moral fiber and backbone to wage war on the worst of all polluters in this state: the general public. And this is sad. Here we have a state that is going to hell in a handbasket because of a bulging population and the problems it brings while the defenders of the forest sit quietly on their arrows with their heads buried in the sand.

Why is this? Quite simple. To place blame on the general public would be placing blame on

themselves. Placing a tax on John Q. Public would be taxing themselves. As mentioned before, their morals and ethics are like trees in the wind, bending and twisting this way and that so long as their agendas are obtained.

Their next agenda?

We — the golf industry — are on the bubble. Our water rights are not only being questioned but also assaulted by these self-selected saviours of the planet. Prepare yourself for the fight ahead; it will come soon and they will be prepared — but not with truth or logic. If either of those qualities mattered to these people, you’d see that \$1 tax on the concrete jungles.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please send an application...

Dear Tom:

In your spring issue of *The Florida Green* you had included a picture of a fallen seawall from your golf course. I then called you in mid May thinking it was a picture of our fallen seawall at Tiger Point. I just thought I would send you a copy of our seawall just to show you that you are not alone.

Your article that was with the picture was great. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Please send me an application to join your association. Thank you for your attention. I just thought you might enjoy the pictures.

Sincerely,

John P. Kennedy

Golf Course Superintendent
Tiger Point Golf and Country Club

In defense of contractors...

Dear Tom Benefield,

Your contributions to the Florida Golf

Course Superintendents Association are greatly appreciated by your fellow superintendents. However, we take exception to your recent editorial comments concerning the use of maintenance contractors for the golf course. We do not believe an average member could ever begin to handle the task of contracting a professional contractor. We have been trained to know how to do an effective job in these areas and we would readily recognize if the contractor indeed was professional.

Many golf courses can neither afford the use of the man hours or the equipment that is necessary to perform some of the maintenance practices that you refer to in your editorial. We do not care for your chastisement upon the superintendent profession. Item 9. in our GC-SAA Code of Ethics states that we are to “Abstain from debasement of, or encroachment upon, the professional reputation, practice or employment of an-

other superintendent.”

Our club presidents, greens chairmen, club owners, and general managers are readers of *The Florida Green*. It is very possible that the aforementioned individuals could see your remarks in the editorial and question the management abilities of their superintendent.

We should also recognize the importance of these contractors. Not only do they provide a necessary service but many are supporters of the superintendent associations.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors,
Everglades GCSA

Editor’s comment: *The article was not meant to chastise anyone, either superintendent or contractor. Rather it illustrates a disturbing trend in the management of golf courses which will one day become counterproductive to the profession of the golf course manager.*