

## ACSP NEW MEMBERS:

- Chulta Vista/Mira Mesa, Lady Lake Club at Eaglebrook, Lakeland
- De Le Vista, Lady Lake
- El Diablo/El Santiago, Lady Lake Glenview, Oxford
- Hacienda Hills, Lady Lake
- Hawks Bay/Saddlebrook, Lady Lake
- Highlands Reserve Golf Club, Davenport
- Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina, Stuart
- IGM – Champions Gate, Davenport
- IGM – Deltura Country Club, Ft Myers
- IGM – Fiddlers Green Golf Club @ Cecil Field, Jacksonville
- IGM – Indigo Lakes Country Club, Daytona Beach
- IGM – Mystic Dunes, Kissimmee
- IGM – Pebble Creek, Tampa
- IGM – Sabal Point, Longwood
- IGM – Scenic Hills Country Club, Pensacola
- Queens Harbour Country Club, Jacksonville
- Rockledge Country Club, Rockledge
- St. Lucie West Country Club, Port St. Lucie
- Tiera Del Sol, Lady Lake

### New ACSP Fully Certified Courses:

- Golf Club of Jacksonville, Jacksonville
- Grand Harbor, Vero Beach
- High Ridge Country Club, Boynton Beach
- Regatta Bay, Destin
- Tiburon Golf Club, Naples
- Wyndemere Country Club, Naples

## STEWARDSHIP NOTES

by Shelly Foy

Ah fall... What a relief to know that you are just around the corner. I look forward to opening my house up and having pleasant nighttime temperatures, college football games to watch (GO DOGS), and those delightful breezes. It's no wonder half the world wants to live in Florida during the fall and winter.

I read an interesting article recently on environmental education and its importance in the development of children. Ken Voorhis, director of the Great Smoky Mountains Institute, reports that several studies have recently been published on the benefits of teaching environmental education in schools.

### Those benefits:

- Better performance on standardized measures of academic achievement in reading, writing, math, science and social studies.
- Reduced discipline and classroom management problems.
- Increased engagement and enthusiasm for learning.
- Greater pride and ownership in accomplishments.

Voorhis says, "It seems obvious to many of us that environmental education is not only effective but also critically essential. People can only make informed decisions about the world in which they live if they are environmentally literate.

People also need to feel connected to nature, not separate from it."

Although this article was about environmental education in schools, I think adults can benefit as well. Let's look

at the above listed benefits for children and put them into context for our golfers:

- Better performance on tests could equate to golfers being more knowledgeable and tolerant of golf course maintenance practices and programs.
- Reduced discipline problems could mean less golfer grumbling.
- Increased enthusiasm for learning could mean more golfers getting involved in projects and programs.
- Greater pride and ownership — stands on its own.

The fall and winter is an excellent time of year to work on outreach and education projects with your members and golfers. So, I encourage everyone to take a little time this season to work on environmental education. The most successful golf course superintendents I have ever met are those who make communication with their golfers and members their top priority. The least successful are those who turn and go the other way to avoid running into a member when they might have to actually speak to them.

### The Benefits of Reaching Out

Communicating with golfers and the public about your environmental efforts can help you:

- Gain recognition and support for your management efforts.
- Increase golfer understanding of wildlife and environmental quality on the golf course.

Let the public know that environmentally managed golf courses can be valuable community resources — whether

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