Junior Tips Photo Gallery

Darren J. Davis Turf Time

If you have read any of my Florida Green "Super Tip" columns, you are aware that I am strong believer of the old saying that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. With very few exceptions, I have brought home a tip that could potentially help my operation from every golf course and superintendent I have been fortunate enough to visit in my travels.

In looking for a tip for this issue, I realized I have numerous "junior super tips that I have not written about simply because they were smaller in scale and would require minimal text to explain. Therefore, as another often-used cliché goes, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Here are some "junior super tips" that are essentially self explanatory.

Tool Time



Hanging around: Need more room in your facility, but have fertilizer spreaders taking up valuable floor space? At Reynolds Plantation in Georgia a 2 by 8 plank was anchored to the concrete wall and steel hooks were screwed into the full depth of the wood, allowing a quick, easy and inexpensive solution



One man's trash is another man's treasure: Instead of trashing some old tire rims, at Discovery Bay Golf Club in Hong Kong, these would-be discarded tire rims were cut in half with a torch and mounted on a wall to serve as one-inch hose racks.



Nature's best filter: We have been told over and over by scientists, nature's best filter to protect our ground water is turfgrass. At the Thai Country Club in Thailand, the compound of the golf course operations facility is constructed of pavers that allowed a stand of paspalum to be established in the voids of the block, therefore, filtering any potential pollutants.



Making the sell: Want a new grass variety but can't get the powers-that-be to venture to a nursery or an off-site location? At the Hong Kong Golf Club in Hong Kong, a multi-plot test area was established next to the driving range and labeled with the name of the turfgrass varieties so it can be viewed when it is convenient for the decision makers.

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