

EXECUTIVE GOLF QUARTERLY

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LATEST ON THE GREEN**

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As we wrap up a busy Summer of maintenance on the Executive Golf courses, we look forward to the Fall weather and bustling golf season ahead. All the hard work accomplished this Summer including aerifications, topdressing and cultural practices prepares the courses for the Winter play and increased traffic. Additionally, we are busy with full course renovations at Chula Vista, Amberwood, Pelican and Pimlico and more planned throughout the next year. The Executive Golf Maintenance department remains focused on raising standards and expectations for the Executive Golf courses. Please enjoy this quarterly newsletter as we give some insight on what's coming. As always, visit DistrictGov.org for the latest updates and news.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

All District Executive Golf courses are part of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program and Certified Signature Sanctuary Program for golf courses. These programs focus on working with members on environmental areas such as water conservation and quality management, wildlife and habitat management, chemical reduction use and safety, environmental planning and outreach and education. The certification process is an ongoing endeavor which requires on-site visits by Audubon International for re-certification every three years.



Part of this environmental sustainability is planning and creating naturalized areas for wildlife habitat. As you play the Executive Golf courses, you will find some of these naturalized areas were incorporated with butterfly attracting plants and installation of bluebird boxes. Another area of focus is removing turf in non-playing areas that require mowing, fertilizing and watering – instead incorporating Florida friendly landscaping in naturalized beds. This practice aids in reducing inputs and focusing on the water conservation initiatives. Our department works closely with the golf course maintenance teams as they maintain the courses in order to adhere to the environmental standards in the Audubon programs.



SEPTEMBER TURF TALK

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

GREG WIECOREK
SUPERVISOR OF EXECUTIVE
GOLF MAINTENANCE

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Fall is around the corner!

As the summer comes to a close, the golf course maintenance teams are beginning to focus on post-cultural practices and dialing in for the fall season. With the aerifications all wrapped up, teams will spray pre-emergent herbicides wall to wall, going through landscape beds in preparation for pine straw applications, and concentrating on closing up any loose ends on the details of the golf courses. As we prepare for the season ahead, we also appeal to our residents and guests playing the courses to do their part. Avoiding heavy traffic areas with their carts, raking out footprints in the bunkers, filling divots with sand, and repairing ball marks on the greens are all ways to keep the courses going strong. Together, we can all work as one to savor this golfing oasis. To learn more, visit [Golfing In The Villages](#).



TURF TIP

When playing the Executive Golf courses, you might come upon an area that was newly sodded, or wet areas that are staked off and roped for protection. These kinds of areas are free from play and we ask residents to avoid going in these areas. Other areas such as out of bounds or environmental areas are marked with stakes. For more information on such areas, read [The Villages Official Rules](#) document.



A good way to tell Fall is approaching is by the blooming of the Muhly grasses throughout the golf courses and community. These grasses are mostly pink but also have a white variety and they start to bloom every fall which really makes the landscape beds pop. It's Florida's version of the leaves changing.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Executive Golf Courses are a living and breathing landscape, and evolving conditions regularly impact their anticipated life expectancies.

Variables such as weather and traffic may contribute to the need for enhanced revitalization needs. Golf course renovations and infrastructure improvements can and should be part of our regular planning, especially considering the constant increase in rounds played annually. Our focus remains not only on the design preservation and playability of the courses, but also the aesthetics. We currently have four full course renovations happening. Chula Vista, Amberwood, Pimlico and Pelican are all receiving new greens, tees, fairways and bunker sand. We are incorporating newer turf varieties TifGrand and TifEagle Bermuda grasses. Additionally, landscape enhancements, thorough tree maintenance and cart path repair round out these improvement projects.

Chula Vista

ESTIMATED RE-OPENING
END OF 2024

The Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) approved the renovation of Chula Vista Executive Golf Course.



Pimlico

ESTIMATED RE-OPENING
SPRING 2025

The Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) approved the renovation of Pimlico Executive Golf Course.



Pelican

ESTIMATED RE-OPENING
SPRING 2025

The Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) approved the renovation of Pelican Executive Golf Course.

Amberwood

ESTIMATED RE-OPENING
END OF 2024

The Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) approved the renovation of Amberwood Executive Golf Course.



GETTING TO KNOW...

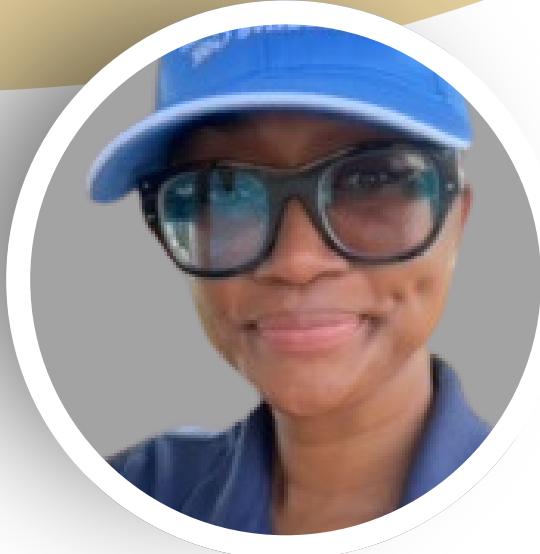
TAMARA ROLLE
STAFF ASST. TO EXECUTIVE
GOLF MAINTENANCE

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*It was January 2007
when the golf bug bit
me...*

It all started when I walked into the lounge of the Country Club at the Silver Spring Shores to apply for a job. Once hired, I became a weekly bartender and weekend event server. While there as a college student, golf became my escape – I became fascinated by all things golf; being out on the course soothed my mind and toned my muscles, and I enjoyed every bit of it. I did this for a few years before leaving the golf life altogether for an opportunity with The Villages Theater Division. There, I was introduced to The Village's core values, which inspire all aspects of my daily life. Working at the movie theater helped me finetune my customer service skills while learning new ones, such as management and accounting, which is why, in 2018, when The District began expanding its Executive Golf Department, I applied for the position of staff assistant.

Once I became the staff assistant, I was able to utilize the management and customer service skills I learned at the movie theater while being in an environment that brought me much bliss in my youthful years. Daily, I manage the Executive Golf budget, assist the Director with financial forecasting,



organize reports, assist coworkers with project funding, and answer resident inquiries.

One may say that being the staff assistant for such a department can be tasking but with the right team, like mine, it is a breeze; and I enjoy every bit of it. It is because of this that I believe, ‘it's always a beautiful day in The Villages.’





18th ANNUAL EXECUTIVE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

OCTOBER 15th & 16th

Format & Eligibility

36 Holes, Stroke Play (Players flighted based on results of Final Gross Score Total)

Straight Tee Times Format, Starting at 7:30am, both days

Minimum Age of 45

Men - BLACK Tees (Day 1 - Southern Star/Yankee Clipper & Day 2 - Mangrove/Palmetto)

Ladies - GOLD Tees (Day 1 - Southern Star/Yankee Clipper & Day 2 - Mangrove/Palmetto)

Super Sr. Men (70+) - GOLD Tees (Day 1 - Mangrove/Palmetto & Day 2 - Southern Star/Yankee Clipper)

Super Sr. Ladies (70+) - GREEN Tees (Day 1 - Mangrove/Palmetto & Day 2 - Southern Star/Yankee Clipper)

Registration

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

Deadline

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

Register and pay entry fees at Cane Garden Golf Shop (352) 751-7029

Tee Times/Pairings available on Friday, October 11th by 5:00pm on
GolfTheVillages.com

Entry Fee, Prizes & Scoring

\$15 per player collected at registration (Non-Refundable after October 11th)

Payouts in golf shop credit for awards & contests

Players submit scorecards to respective Starter Buildings following each round

Results will be posted on GolfTheVillages.com (October 17th by 12:00pm)



The Villages
Golf

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purchase

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