



Landing My Goal In Life

The mission statement of Jonathan's Landing follows the core values of respect, sportsmanship, transparency, outlook, excellence, and stewardship.

JUPITER, FLORIDA: For years, Don Taylor gazed longingly as he passed the entranceway to Jonathan's Landing on his way to work. "I paid my dues working in the South Florida market since the mid-1980s. My background in agronomy and construction was an asset that provided me confidence I could manage a community with three golf courses," said Taylor.

When an opportunity to apply for director of agronomy presented itself, his plans were thrown a curveball. "Storms knocked out power and my house had been without electricity for 13 days! I was literally down to my last clean outfit for the final job interview at Jonathan's Landing," recalled Taylor.

The interview clutched the job.

ART AND SCIENCE

The first dedicated greenkeepers positions were created in the 1850s. Often these individuals helped design and build the course, teach, and repair equipment.

"Our profession changed over time and has evolved into a combination of science and art," said Taylor. "My work includes knowledge of plant genetics and physiology, meteorology, soil science, and somewhat surprisingly, a cheerleader. What you may not appreciate is a superintendent's role as a human resource manager.



JONATHAN'S LANDING, a private, member-owned club. Its stability, service centric attitude, and support of local causes solidified its brand as one of the top clubs in Florida. Members have access to three courses (two designed by Tom Fazio and one by Arthur Hills), 10 Har-Tru tennis courts, the 13,000 square-foot Fitness & Spa Center, walking trails, parks, and a trio of dining options.

"You have to keep staff morale high through wet days, windy days, and the dog days of summer."

The sun is still just a promise on the eastern horizon when Don rises to start his day. No matter the time of year, the first order of business is always the same. "I check the radar and the weather forecast," said Taylor. "My job makes me live on the Weather Channel.

"There has been a strong push toward limiting artificial chemicals and incorporating natural materials. I fully support the effort," praised Taylor. "At Jonathan's Landing, I use special fungicides for nematode control instead of harsh substances. Looking ahead, I am open-minded to experiment with new products and grasses in the never-ending quest for faster green speeds and limiting our footprint on the environment.

"I've worked hard in life to get here. On brilliant sunny days, which happens to be most days around here, I typically take a short pause looking down the 11th fairway of the Fazio Course. It's my special place that makes me feel I've been successful in life." ■

For information on membership, please visit their website, JonathansLanding.com.

"MY DESIGNS REPRESENT the best of Florida golf. My 'in-town' design, within the master planned development, meanders around the Intracoastal Waterway and neighborhoods. The course is player friendly and not overly difficult. The second course is west of town in a country setting. It features more elevation change, is much bigger in scale, and requires no compromises in routing." – TOM FAZIO



LENDING A HAND

In March, 137 ladies of Jonathan's Landing came together to create a human breast cancer ribbon for a Play in PINK event raising \$25,000 for the Margaret W. Niedland Breast Center.

