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## Renovation

### *Rogers refines daily fee course in Naples*

**D**rew Rogers, ASGCA, has completed course refinements at Valencia Golf and Country Club in Naples, Florida.

“It’s funny that some folks don’t even realize that there are daily fee courses in Naples,” said Rogers. “That’s part of what makes this project so special and why I was eager to take on the work with my client there. Definitely a new challenge for me.”

Course renovations were originally motivated by the owner’s desire to convert turf type. Rogers began work in April 2018 with contractor GCID and project manager Rob Corbett, with involvement from golf course superintendent Dominic Wanchena and director of golf Nick Stokke.

“Because the turf was to be replaced, the door was open to make some really beneficial adjustments, and for minimal additional investment,” said Rogers. “We added work on



Photo: Drew Rogers, ASGCA

Plans for turf replacement at Valencia G&CC gave Drew Rogers, ASGCA, an opportunity to make design adjustments

the tees—enlarging and laser-levelling—as well as significant bunker refinements and removals, and adjustments to soften the green contouring, without rebuilding.

“The greens had very active contouring and poor tie-ins, so our focus was to effectively ‘melt’ those

contours down as more manageable surfaces with expanded cupping areas and more flowing transitions along the perimeter edges, for increased short grass recovery opportunities—while retaining the primary characteristics that had always made the greens so identifiable.”