

The Little Club



Little Club Pump Station Upgrade for Demanding Environments

Property Details:

Little Club Superintendent

Steve Swanhart

Architect

Joe Lee Design

Rain Bird Distributor

FIS Outdoor

Rain Bird ASP

Global Irrigation Solutions

Renovation Date

March 2023

Rain Bird Pump Station

2 x Vertical Turbine Pumps
with 30HP Motors

Total Flow = 500 GPM @ 120PSI

Aluminum Skid Deck

Free Standing Panel

PROPERTY OVERVIEW

Little Club opened as a Golf Course in 1968 and had been established as Polo Fields by Andrew Carnegie and Henry Phipps in 1926. It is contrasted as an intimate Par 3 Course against the existing Gulf Stream Golf Club, seen as the ‘big club’. The course utilizes seashore paspalum for its characteristics as drought and salt-tolerant warm-season grass.

LITTLE CLUB’S DRIVE FOR QUALITY

The club has been on a steady rise in terms of the quality of the turf and quality of playability. Steve knew one of the limiting factors was going to be the reliability of an outdated pump station, installed in 1997. Nestled between the scenic A1A and the Intracoastal Waterway, the beautiful surroundings have brought on an equally high demand for aesthetics and superb playing conditions. Grounds must be maintained with high precision to keep players and turf satisfied.



“I wanted to go towards the Rain Bird pump station for a lot of reasons... Service was the thing that I was most looking at because I knew that I could rely on the team that we have here.”

-Steve Swanhart, Superintendent
The Little Club

CHALLENGE

Over the past few years, the course pump station started running into reliability issues, motor failures, and difficulty sourcing parts from the pump station manufacturer. Steve decided it was time to upgrade the pump station to meet the course's needs. A Rain Bird pump station was chosen to replace the current in part due to Rain Bird's speed of delivery and local partnerships that were in place.

The course's new Rain Bird Pump Station is equipped with an aluminum deck and 6" wye strainer to handle the harsh environmental factors including biological intrusion into the irrigation system. The station was also designed with a low-profile skid and free-standing panel to optimize the shed space for ease of access to the station.

"This will actually solve a lot of issues for me and then it gives me a lot more options. There's that peace of mind of knowing that even if we do have an issue, we'll still have support."

-Steve Swanhart, Superintendent
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"Rain Bird's pump quality matched with experienced partners in FIS and GIS create a great deliverable product for The Little Club."

-Brian Burns, Eastern Pump Sales Manager

GOLF SOLUTIONS FOR EVERY COURSE

Golf Courses are constantly evaluating ways to increase the lifespan of their irrigation systems to perform more efficiently with the right products and partnerships. Rain Bird Pump Stations are designed for both new construction projects and can be custom-built for tough-to-fit renovation projects.

From Reservoir to Rotor, Rain Bird Solutions can help courses achieve desired outcomes with comprehensive products and local partnerships with trusted Distributors, and Rain Bird-trained Authorized Service Providers.

