

LIVING THE GREEN LIFE

TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND PGA/LPGA DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION ANN MARIE GILDERSLEEVE WORK HAND IN HAND TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES BEAUTIFUL.

Passion, dedication and purpose: These are the traits PGA/LPGA golf professionals like Ann Marie Gildersleeve and environmental stewards like Texas Disposal Systems co-founders Bob Gregory and Jim Gregory share.

TDS is a sponsor of the PGA's Dell Match Play, which will take place at Gildersleeve's home course at the Austin Country Club, and the team at TDS knows the golf experience and being green go hand in hand. The Gregorys have been pioneers in the world of environmental solutions, basing their business on sound, simple fundamentals and strong relationships since its founding in 1977.

Likewise, Gildersleeve takes the same approach to her career as an instructor and golf professional, perfecting balance in teaching and coaching. She cites her mentor, golf legend Harvey Penick, as one of her influencers, utilizing his philosophy of focusing on the basics and instilling a love for the game by acting as a role model. Gildersleeve says the best way to help someone achieve their goals is to listen and understand what they desire to accomplish. By establishing individual relationships with her players, Gildersleeve is a distinguished leader in the field. For decades, she has been a well-known U.S. Kids Master Teacher and in 2014 was the first woman recipient of the Southern Texas PGA Section Harvey Penick Teacher of the Year Award.

Similarly, TDS applies those same principles to teaching the community to care for the environment, as it is vital to instill recycling habits at an early age. Just like Gildersleeve teaches and coaches her players, TDS teaches students through its Eco Academy program, now available at schools throughout Central Texas. The program's curriculum is based on simple instruction, allowing students to develop a respect for the environment and establish eco-conscious habits for life. The program teaches the importance of building strong relationships with schools, teachers and students. Additionally, Eco Academy encourages students to share what they have learned at home.

As the waste service provider for the 2018 Dell Match Play, TDS is honored to partner with Gildersleeve to teach young people about the importance of being kind to Mother Nature. Together, they encourage attendees to embrace environmental stewardship on and off the fairway.

The future is bright for TDS, Gildersleeve and for the students they teach. As long as dedication and leadership continue to be taught, golfers and environmental stewards alike can know the next generation is in good hands.

Dell Match Play is March 21 through 25 at the Austin Country Club. TDS encourages visitors to think green when they're out on the course, so together, we may be able to call the course the greenest green ever. The TDS-sponsored Women's Executive Breakfast will take place March 20 at Austin Country Club as part of the organization's effort to encourage women in golf and leadership.

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