Audubon chief speaks out on Ocean Course debacle

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D ear Vice President Gore: I write to you today because of an effort in which the Audubon Society of New York State (ASNY) has been involved during the past 12 months and because of your interest in the protection of the environment. During 1994, provisions of the Coastal Barrier Resources Protection Act (CBIA) led to the opportunity for ASNY to participate in the bidding process for the Ocean Course on Kiawah Island, S.C. The Ocean Course has received international recognition as the site of the 1991 Ryder Cup championship and because it is purported to be built in an environmentally sensitive manner. ASNY is the creator of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS). Of the various program components of the ACSS, the golf program has been the most visible and successful. To date, 1,600 golf courses in all 50 states and several other countries have joined this program. The golf program was created because of the large number of golf courses in existence.

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Three cheers for this Foy of Floral!• • •

We've got an Evans in Maine we'd like to clone, too. That's Kyle Evans, the superintendent at highly rated Waterville Country Club. Evans has taken the club to public education, arming himself with an array of slides, stories and vast knowledge and speaking to various civic organizations and school audiences. • • •

Hail to another one of my fellow Mainers, superintendent Dick Fahey of Poland Spring Country Club. Evans has taken the club to public education, arming himself with an array of slides, stories and vast knowledge and speaking to various civic organizations and school audiences. • • •

Stop the impeachment! Odd that a couple of years ago Vice President Al Gore said sayonara to a Tom Fazio-designed putting green that had been installed at the behest of his predecessor, Dan Quayle. Now President Clinton has restored a green built for President Eisenhower in the 1950s. Guess our two top bonchos will never be playing partners (see page 3) as for his part, course architect (and, you'd think, political creature) Robert Trent Jones Jr., who oversaw the restoration, stayed out of the politics. Saying he donated his efforts not for the president but for "the peoples' home," Jones added: "It is a great honor to have been a dedicated public person. It's important for people to donate their time and energies whenever they can and in whatever public service they can. And in this case it was my pleasure to restore something that belongs at the White House."