Audubon hails supers' rising involvement

By MARK LESLIE

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ELKIRK, N.Y. — Citing "dramatic results" and a growing number of golf course managers, Audubon International reports its Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS) experienced a year of stability and strong member involvement in 1995.

"At an average of 120 or more acres per site, [golf courses] represent some of the most extensive sanctuary areas in the country," the ACSS Annual Program Report says. "ACSS members are literally transforming their courses to improve habitats, protect water sources, and reduce water and pesticide use."

"The [program's] momentum seems to be picking up more and more," said Audubon International President

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Plastic spikes vs. metal and none

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UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Two studies have been conducted here at Penn State University evaluating the effects of three tread types on putting green turf wear, ball-roll distance, and ball-roll deflection. The study found that tread types significantly affected ball-roll distance and caused an unacceptable amount of wear at certain traffic intensities on both types of root zones: all-sand and modified soil. Deflection in ball-roll was rarely statistically different for tread types. Another general observation: Metal spikes, because of the creation of the hole in the turf, made the traffic much more noticeable. Although the holes make the traffic more apparent, the effect on ball-roll may not be as significant as the effect on turf visual quality.

The objectives of the first study were to evaluate the effects of tread type on turf wear and ball-roll distance. It was conducted at the Valentine Memorial Turfgrass Research Center here. Two

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Cornell student Dalthorp chosen for Musser's Excellence Award

SHARON CENTER, Ohio — The Musser International Turfgrass Foundation has named Daniel H. Dalthorp the recipient of the 1996 Award of Excellence.

Meanwhile, Santacrose said Audubon's Canadian Golf Course Sanctuary Program has been incorporated, and he is preparing an initial budget and administrative details so an administrator can be hired this summer.

"We want to blend the visions of [Canadian] conservation authorities with the visions of our programs," Santacrose said.

Each authority controls a watershed. Though they originally controlled water-course activities, their role has expanded over the years and they are now technical arms for communities regarding permitting and other issues, Santacrose said.

"But they now have their budgets hacked to nothing, and are trying to offset that problem."