Georgians elect Dusch

WATKINSVILLE, Ga. — The 1998 Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association has elected Jim Dusch of Grey Hawk Ridge Golf Club in Alpharetta president.

Elected at the group’s annual meeting, Dusch will be joined by Vice President Franz “Buck” Workman of Cateechee Golf Club in Hartwell; and Immediate Past President Chuck Underwood of Northwood Country Club in Lawrenceville.

Elected to the board of directors were Frank Siple of Lanier Golf Club in Cumming and Jimmy Geter of Marietta (Ga.) Country Club. They will join Directors Sam Crowe of Monroe (Ga.) Golf and Country Club, Harold Franklin of Fields Ferry Golf Course in Calhoun, Craig Ketelsen of Orchard Hills Golf Club in Newnan, Philip “Wade” Thomas of Idle Hour Club in Macon, and William Smith of Columbus (Ga.) Country Club.

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wildlife and a place where students can learn about and practice environmental stewardship.

The program is part of Carolina National’s efforts to receive certification in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP).

“In times of tight education budgets and the elimination of special programs, it is exciting and encouraging to see what a difference linking community leaders and schools together can make,” said Terry L. Vassey, director of golf course development for Bluegreen Golf. “By adopting the school, we hope to build a long-lasting relationship with the local community with projects that are designed to enhance the environment of both the school and the golf course.”

Initial projects by Carolina National Golf Club and the school include installation and monitoring of songbird nest boxes, continued development of the school’s wildlife trail, establishment of a nature and butterfly garden, tree planting and implementing a “best plant management” (IPM) program for the grounds management department at the school.

“We are very excited to be selected for the program and welcome Carolina National Golf Club to the school,” said the Supply Elementary School principal, Dr. Carolyn Williams. “Our goal is to continue developing environmental awareness among the students and provide them with information and opportunities to contribute to their surroundings.”

Brooklake certified

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Jersey were Fiddler’s Elbow Country Club in Far Hills, Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, and Somerset Hills Country Club in Bernardsville.

In 1991, Brooklake Country Club joined the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP) for Golf Courses, which provides information and guidance to golf courses to help them preserve and enhance wildlife habitat and protect natural resources.

“Brooklake Country Club has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program,” said Joellen Zeh, staff ecologist for the Cooperative Sanctuary System. “They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property. To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas.”

The Brooklake board of directors and the course management team have always had a strong commitment to environmental issues. Golf course superintendent Scott Carpenter is convinced the ACSP and Brooklake Country Club are a perfect fit.

“The resources available regarding environmental issues are unmatched,” said Carpenter.

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