

Audubon: Audits

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and enhance the quality of the environment. It can further be used as a set of guidelines to help plan and establish appropriate environmental strategies in areas that management is not currently addressing.

"We wanted superintendents and club managers to be able to evaluate themselves, instead of having a regulatory agency look over their shoulders," said Dr. Miles "Bud" Smart, director of environmental planning for Audubon International. "The audit will give people a useful snapshot of their performance and help them identify their strengths as well as any areas that need improvement."

Audubon International collaborated with environmental and turf researchers; experts in environmental planning, water quality, and wildlife; superintendents and club managers; as well as organizations such as the U.S. Golf Association, Club Managers Association of America and Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. In addition, Audubon International's nearly 10 years of experience working directly with superintendents, has resulted in an audit that is user-friendly and easy-to-complete.

The Environmental Performance Audit is available in a variety of forums. Club managers may obtain it for full facilities through CMAA.

Audubon International staff also will offer seminars for club managers during the CMAA World Conference in Atlanta in February. The Environmental Performance Audit for golf courses is available to members of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.

In addition, GCSAA members will have the opportunity to take the audit during a new seminar, "Integrated Environmental Management," offered by GCSAA's Continuing Education Program.

"We hope people will follow up on taking the audit by participating in one of the available educational forums, or joining the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program to learn more about taking action based on the results of the audit," said Smart.

"In the future, we hope to also secure funding to make the audit available via CD-ROM, so that participants can enter information into the audit on their computer. The program would then calculate your score and provide interpretation for the meaning of the score."

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Crystal Springs, Riverside certified as sanctuaries

BURLINGAME, Calif. — Crystal Springs Golf Course here and Riverside Golf Club in Grand Prairie, Texas, have achieved designation as Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS). Crystal Springs is the sixth course in California.

"This is another significant environmental achievement for the turf management staff at Crystal Springs," said Tom Isaak,

CourseCo president. "They work very hard to reach elevated standards, which we believe are in the community's and industry's best interest."

Riverside Golf Club is the sixth course in Texas and the 205th in the world to receive the honor. The other five courses in Texas are Lakeside CC in Houston, Barton Creek Resort's Fazio, Crenshaw and Palmer courses in Austin, Padre Isles CC in Corpus

Christi, and Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and La Cantera GC in San Antonio.

"The certification process was extremely humbling for my staff," said Michael Bartlett, superintendent at Riverside Golf Club. "We felt very comfortable with our environmental programs going into the certification process, but the ACSP opened our eyes to more and better ways of environmental and wildlife enhancement."



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