

## ACSP Update

### New Members

Boca Rio GC, Boca Raton, Bob Ranquist, CGCS  
Coral Creek Club, Placida, Robert Wagner (A)  
Countryside CC, Clearwater, Dale Reash, CGCS  
Naples National GC, Terry Wood (A)  
Queens Harbour CC, Jacksonville, Jason Wilson (A)

### Newly Certified

Camp Creek GC, Panama City, Larry Livingston,  
CGCS  
Hammock Dunes, Creek Course, Palm Coast, Matt  
Howes (SM)  
(A) = Class A Supt behind names; and  
(SM) = Supt Member [the old Class B] to recognize  
those who are participating in continuing education  
and maintaining Class A status

the ideas in the Lemon Bay cover story in this issue) and case studies published how superintendents have recruited help from the club members and others to do the legwork on the projects. There are lots of people who want to help the environment and they can be harnessed to do the work. It is a *cooperative*, sanctuary, not just yours.

### 50-in-5 Campaign

Currently the Audubon International is entering year three of its 50-in-5 campaign to get 50 percent of all golf courses into the ACSP. With a flat membership growth the last couple of years, frankly we're all a little disappointed.

Each FGCSA local chapter was given a chart that showed the total number of FGCSA members and the number enrolled in the ACSP program. The chart also showed that if each chapter made a positive effort to enroll just a few courses each year that we could achieve that 50-percent goal easily. Now we only have three years to go until 2007.

As I said before, this is a *cooperative*

effort and superintendents shouldn't carry the burden alone. I call on the Florida State Golf Association, the Florida Golf Course Owners Association and the Florida Club Managers Association to step up and get their member courses enrolled in the ACSP. The United States Golf Association already supports the program. More people in the golf industry need to

show their commitment to the environment by supporting this program.

We are already called to task for the misconceptions about golf. Won't you join now to promote the game, your club and the industry to give golf its proper respect and place in the environment?

## Juvenile Owl Survives Eagle Attack



Superintendent Mark Shoemake to find out what steps should be taken next. Joanna Fitzgerald of the Conservancy informed us that she would be right out to the course to identify the bird and take it for monitoring for any injuries that may need to be treated at the conservancy. In the meantime, we were instructed to find a lift that could get us to the nest, which the mother great horned owl was watching over closely.

We contacted NationsRent and representative Steve Acquafresca graciously donated the use of a 60-foot boom lift for replacing the owl in its nest. At 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, the owl was strategically placed in the nest by Naples Conservancy employee Amy Heller. She was accompanied in lift by Shoemake and myself.

During the course of the day we anxiously awaited the mother great horned to return the nest, which did not happen. Thanks to everyone's efforts and much to our relief, the mother-and-child reunion occurred on the following day when we found the mother huddled next to the juvenile on a branch near the nest.

This was quite a rewarding experience for all and a token moment in the day-to-day routine of golf course and landscape maintenance. It will be added with pride and merit to our membership experiences in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System for Golf Courses.

## Walk on the Wild Side

By Brian Beckner

It was Monday, Feb. 16, at the LaPlaya Golf Club in Naples and our Landscape Superintendent Doug Fuller was making his routine, early-morning tour of the golf course. As he approached to the 13th green he noticed a bald eagle swooping close to the treetops of the nearby stand of slash pines. Next thing he saw was a juvenile great horned owl that could not yet fly, falling to the ground. The young owl scurried to safety in a nearby landscape bed hiding among the Mexican petunias. He was not attacked again.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida was then called by Assistant Golf Course

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