

Killington Golf Club joins Audubon

KILLINGTON, Vt. — Killington Golf Course has joined the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), a national program designed to help landowners preserve and enhance the environmental quality of their property.

"It's a great program to make

people aware of the environment on the golf course," said superintendent Chris Voutas. "We're putting out bluebird and bat boxes and encouraging wildflower growth. We'll also cut down on water and pesticide usage."

The ACSS provides an advisory service to help golf courses develop effective conservation and wildlife enhancement programs.

Unreasonable expectations of golfers

Continued from page 19
for humans and animals alike.

How about greens cut so short for speed that the grass itself is nearly killed, and that if they actually lose a green, they lose their job. These are only a few of the dilemmas faced by superintendents every day — only a small balancing act.

We all need to face the fact

that the game of golf is designed and managed for golfers. They are the revenue and they want what they paid for. But the trends are changing.

Federal, state and local government agencies are increasingly regulating and permitting the construction of new courses, as well as making major impacts on the way existing courses are man-

aged. All golfers need to understand this. If they care about the game, particularly its future, they need to be much more reasonable in their expectations and much more supportive of superintendents who are trying very hard to deal with the conflicts arising from all those who have a stake in the game — golfers, governmental agencies, turfgrass, habitat, wildlife, and the environment at large.

On the other hand, people have told me that organizations such as AI, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and the U.S. Golf Association are not doing enough to promote superintendents as professional land managers. I can only speak on behalf of Audubon International in this regard.

AI is a not-for-profit environmental organization with a mission to improve the quality of life and the environment through research, education and conservation assistance. That's our job; it's what we do. We've always maintained that we'll work with anyone if it advances our mission to improve the environment.

What we're not in the business of doing is promoting anyone's job, including that of golf course superintendent. We do, however, publicly recognize anyone who demonstrates a commitment to protecting and enhancing the environment through their jobs. We recognize school teachers, farmers, corporate executives, homeowners and, of course, golf course superintendents.

As a matter of fact, Audubon International's highest environmental achievement award, The John James Audubon Environmental Steward Award, has only been given twice, and both times to golf course superintendents — Tim Hiers of Collier's Reserve and Peter Salinetti of Schuyler Meadow Club — not because of their job, but because as they perform that job, they have demonstrated their commitment to fundamental environmental principles.

At AI, our job is to provide the information, framework and opportunities to help people rise to the highest levels of environmental accomplishment. Although it is not our job to recognize golf course superintendents as a group, we can and will recognize superintendents who take up the mantle of managing their courses with the environment in mind.

This is, in fact, the challenge that we all must face in life. No one can do it for us. Audubon International will continue to publicly recognize those in the golf course industry who demonstrate environmental dedication in the construction and management of golf courses and we will continue to recognize superintendents who rise to the top of the profession in this regard.

We hope golfers, and others in the industry, will do the same.

ROHMID



Now you can control grubs preventatively or curatively. With a single application. Only with new MACH 2™ Turf Insecticide.

MACH 2 is a powerful killer with a new chemistry that accelerates the molting process of target insects.

Just hours after ingesting MACH 2, the insect stops feeding. Then it dies beneath the surface in 2 to 3 weeks. It's that simple.

With MACH 2™ Turf Insecticide, you'll kill target enemy insects all season long. Grubs. Cutworms. Armyworms. Sod webworms. Plus, odorless MACH 2™ is easy to apply.

You don't even have to water it in immediately.

So don't let grubs control your grounds, or your schedule. Depend on MACH 2™ Turf Insecticide.

It's all you need to prevent or cure.

For more information or for the distributor nearest you, call 1-888-764-6432.

MACH 2™
TURF INSECTICIDE

**ALL YOU NEED
TO PREVENT OR CURE.**