

Audubon International announces Best of Environmental Golf List

By JEAN MACKAY

SELKIRK, N.Y. — What if the nation's 16,000 golf courses not only met the demands of golfers but were also maintained to prevent pollution and provide significant nature reserves? The result would be green spaces in nearly every community that contributed to local environmental quality and added to existing wildlife habitat.

Since 1991, the non-profit environmental organization Audubon International has been training golf courses to do just that. To recognize golf courses that have made a significant commitment to environmental stewardship and to inspire additional courses to do the same, Audubon International is releasing the Best of Environmental Golf List. The select list includes the nation's top-rated golf courses that have conserved local biodiversity, reduced

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water and pesticide use, and maintained water quality.

"There are all kinds of ratings for the top golf courses in the United States, but none of them pay attention to the environment as a rating criteria," said Ronald Dodson, president and CEO of Audubon International. "The Best of Environmental Golf List includes golf's cream of the crop in terms of environmental stewardship. These are courses who have made a commitment to environmental quality from turfgrass management to wildlife habitat conservation to water-quality improvements."

The top 200 courses on the Best of Environmental Golf List have achieved Audubon International's stringent standards for certification through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary or Audubon Signature programs. Each course has implemented and documented its environmental efforts over a number of years and contributed to case studies, environmental education programs, and data collection on golf and the environment.

"We are proud to recognize these golf



Native plantings shoulder up to the fairway on the 6th hole at Collier's Reserve Golf Course in Naples, Fla.

courses for their contribution to the environment" said Dodson. "Through their positive example, we hope they inspire others to do the same."

For more information, or to register

a golf course in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, people may contact Audubon International, 46 Rarick Rd., Selkirk, N.Y. 12158; telephone 518-767-9051.

AI's Best of Environmental Golf List

Arkansas

Hindman Park Golf Course, Little Rock

Arizona

Forest Highlands Golf Club, Flagstaff
TPC at Scottsdale, Scottsdale
Troon Golf & Country Club, Scottsdale

California

Crystal Springs Golf Course, Burlingame
Cypress Ridge Golf Course, Arroyo Grande*
Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento
Granite Bay Golf Club, Granite Bay*
Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach
Morro Bay Golf Course, Morro Bay
Old Brockway Golf Course, Kings Beach
Resort at Squaw Creek, Olympic Valley
Silver Creek Valley Country Club, San Jose
Stevinson (Ca.) Ranch Golf Club, Savannah Course*

Colorado

Applewood Golf Course, Golden
Aspen Golf Course, Aspen

Breckenridge Golf Club, Breckenridge
Castle Pines Golf Club, Castle Rock
Lakewood Country Club, Lakewood
Vail Golf Club, Vail

Connecticut

Aspetuck Valley Country Club, Weston
Hop Meadow Country Club, Simsbury
Simsbury Farms Golf Course, Simsbury
TPC at River Highlands, Cromwell
Woodway Country Club, Darien

Florida

Bonita Bay Club, Bonita Springs
Bay Island Course
Creekside Course
Marsh Course
Bonita Bay Club East, Naples*
Collier's Reserve, Naples*
Country Club of Florida, Village of Golf
Floridian, Stuart
FoxFire Golf and Country Club, Naples

Gainesville Country Club, Gainesville
The Habitat Golf Course, Malabar
Hole-in-the-Wall Golf Club, Naples
Indian River Country Club, Vero Beach*
Interlachen Country Club, Winter Park
Ironwood Municipal Golf Course, Gainesville
Lake Buena Vista Club, Lake Buena Vista
The Legacy Club at Alauqua Lakes, Longwood*
Lemon Bay Golf Club, Englewood
Loblolly Pines Golf Club, Hobe Sound
Lost Key Golf Club, Perdido*
Olde Florida Golf Club, Naples
Old Marsh Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens
Panama Country Club, Lynn Haven
PGA Golf Club at the Reserve, Port St. Lucie*
PGA St. Lucie West Country Club, Port St. Lucie
River Hills Country Club, Valrico
Royal Poinciana Golf Club, Naples
Sandridge Golf Club, Vero Beach
Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club, Tampa
TPC at Eagle Trace, Coral Springs
TPC at Heron Bay, Coral Springs
TPC at Prestancia, Sarasota

TPC at Sawgrass, Ponte Verde Beach
TPC at Tampa Bay, Lutz
Wilderness Country Club, Naples
Windstar Country Club, Naples

Georgia

Catechee Golf Club, Hartwell*
The Farm Golf Club, Rocky Face
The Landings Club, Savannah
Deer Creek Course
Oakridge Course
The Standard Club, Duluth
TPC at Sugarloaf, Duluth

Hawaii

Kapalua Land Company, Maui
Bay Course
Village Course
Plantation Course

Illinois

Aurora Country Club, Aurora
Brae Loch Golf Course, Grayslake
Cantigny Golf Club, Wheaton
Countryside Golf Course, Mundelein
The Den, Bloomington
Flossmoor Country Club, Flossmoor
Forest Hills Country Club, Rockford
The Ivanhoe Club, Ivanhoe
Naperville Country Club, Naperville
North Shore Country Club, Glenview
Olympia Fields, Olympia Fields
Pottawatomie Golf Course, St. Charles
Rock River Country Club, Rock Falls
St. Charles Country Club, St. Charles
Silver Lake Country Club, Orland Park
Village Links of Glen Ellyn, Glen Ellyn

Indiana

Sand Creek Country Club, Chesterton
Victoria National Golf Club, Newburgh

Iowa

Beaver Hills Country Club, Cedar Falls
Elmcrest Country Club, Cedar Rapids
Glynns Creek Golf Course, Long Grove

Kansas

Prairie Dunes Country Club, Hutchinson
Quivira Lake Golf & Country Club, Quivira Lake

Kentucky

Highland Country Club, Fort Thomas
Summit Country Club, Owensboro

Maine

Portland Country Club, Falmouth

Maryland

Bethesda Country Club, Bethesda
Eagle's Landing Golf Course, Berlin
Timbers at Troy Golf Course, Elkridge

Massachusetts

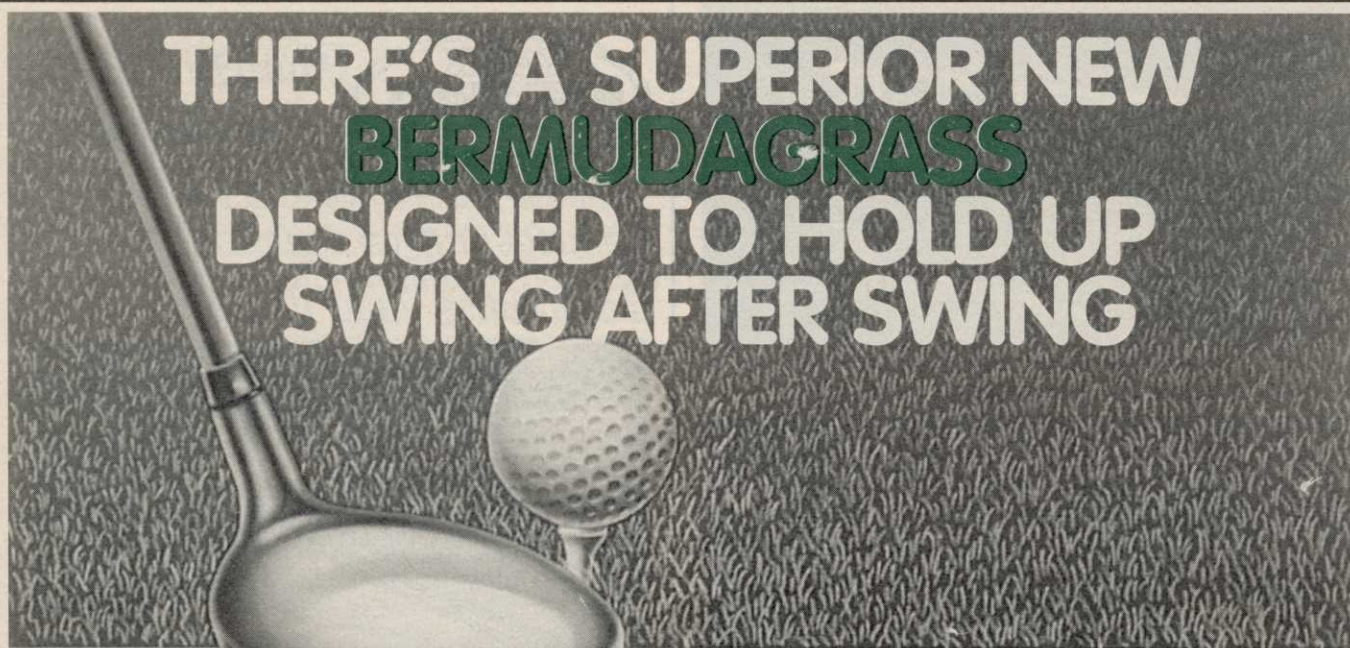
Hyannisport Club, Hyannisport
Plymouth Country Club, Plymouth
Sterling Country Club, Sterling
Shaker Hill Golf Club, Harvard

Michigan

Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield
Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada
Fox Hills Country Club, Plymouth
Grand Traverse Resort, West Bloomfield
Gull Lake View Golf Club, Augusta
Lakelands Golf & Country Club, Brighton
The Legend, Bellaire
TPC of Michigan, Dearborn
White Pine National Golf Club, Spruce
Wuskowhan Players Club, West Olive*

Minnesota

Baker National Golf Course, Medina



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Greenkeeping

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and stewards, all tied into one. As years progressed, each phase of this "jack of all trades" became a specialized field of endeavor. The ranks of professional golfers grew from the ranks of caddies, who in turn were assuming greenkeeping roles at clubs. The club and ball makers came from iron mongers

and carpentry trades, thus adding to the professional golfer and, too, the greenkeepers' role. In the United States it was a lucrative opportunity for the Scots to be the pro/greenkeeper and, in several cases, this still exists today.

However, major shifts in golfers' desires for better playing conditions and having a person devoted to teaching the game to them at designated times, no longer allowed one person to

handle both jobs. This became the true American way, which created two professions.

During the years since the PGA and GCSAA were formed, the two have been as far apart from their beginnings as any groups could be. But over the last 25 years the windows of golf have opened and the organizations have embraced each other. The USGA, PGA, GCSAA and Club Managers Association of

America have recognized that in unity there is overwhelming strength to better the interest of golf and everyone's intrinsic value to this game.

From the perspective of a golf course superintendent, to identify what has happened over the last 81 years, when Lees wrote his book, will take several authors to sift through the collection of the past, housed at GCSAA headquarters, in Lawrence, Kan.

AI's best

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Izaty's Golf and Yacht Club, Onamia
Legacy at Cragun's — South Course, Brainerd*

The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis
Minnesota Valley CC, Bloomington
Somerset Country Club, Mendota Heights
Tartan Park Golf Course, Lake Elmo
Town and Country Club, Saint Paul
Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata

Missouri

Blue Hills Country Club, Kansas City
Gustin Golf Course, Columbia
Keth Memorial GC, Warrensburg
Top of the Rock Golf Course, Ridgedale*

Nebraska

Beatrice Country Club, Beatrice

Nevada

TPC at Summerlin, Las Vegas

TPC at The Canyons, Las Vegas

New Hampshire

Amherst Country Club, Amherst

New Jersey

Ballyowen Golf Course, Sparta
Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield
Brigantine Golf Links, Brigantine
Brooklake Country Club, Florham Park
Fiddler's Elbow Country Club, Far Hills
Metedeconk National Golf Club, Jackson
Newton Country Club, Newton
Pine Valley Golf Club, Pine Valley
Ridgewood Country Club, Paramus
Somerset Hills CC, Bernardsville
TPC at Jasna Polana, Princeton

New York

Atlantic Golf Club, Bridgehampton
Colonial Acres Golf Course, Glenmont
Eagle Vale Golf Course, Fairport
Old Westbury Golf & CC, Old Westbury
Schuyler Meadows Club, Loudonville
Westchester Country Club, Rye
Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck

North Carolina

Carmel Country Club, Charlotte
Carolina National Golf Club, Bolivia
Pinehurst #8 Centennial, Pinehurst*
TPC at Piper Glen, Charlotte
Wade Hampton Golf Club
Kinston Country Club, Kinston

North Dakota

Apple Creek Country Club, Bismark

Ohio

Detwiler Park Golf Course, Toledo
Fowler's Mill Golf Course, Chesterland
Sand Ridge Golf Club, Chardon*

Oregon

Black Butte Ranch GC, Black Butte Ranch
Crosswater Golf Club, Sunriver
Heron Lakes Golf Course, Portland
Oregon Golf Club, West Linn
Persimmon Country Club, Gresham
Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, Cornelius
Quail Run Golf Course, Lapine
Salishan Golf Links, Gleneden Beach
Widgi Creek Golf Club, Bend

Pennsylvania

Chester Valley Golf Club, Malvern
Hickory Heights Golf Club, Bridgeville
Hill Crest Country Club, Lower Burrell
Huntsville Golf Club, Shavertown
Lords Valley Country Club, Hawley
Tam O'Shanter Pennsylvania, Hermitage

South Carolina

The Club at Seabrook Island
Kiawah Island Resort, Kiawah Island
Ocean Course and River Course
Ocean Course at Sea Pines, Hilton Head
Old Tabby Links at Spring Island
Palmetto Hall Plantation, Hilton Head
Whispering Pines GC, Myrtle Beach

South Dakota

Minnehaha Country Club, Sioux Falls

Tennessee

The Legacy, Springfield
TPC at Southwind, Memphis

Texas

Barton Creek Resort, Austin
Fazio and Crenshaw Courses
Palmer Course
Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, San Antonio

Lakeside Country Club, Houston
La Cantera Golf Club, San Antonio
Padre Isles Country Club, Corpus Christi
Riverside Golf Club, Grand Prairie

Virginia

Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, Gainesville

Washington

Glendale Country Club, Bellevue
McCormick Woods GC, Port Orchard
Royal Oaks Country Club, Vancouver
Semiahmoo Golf & CC, Blaine

West Virginia

Edgewood Country Club, Charleston
The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs

Wisconsin

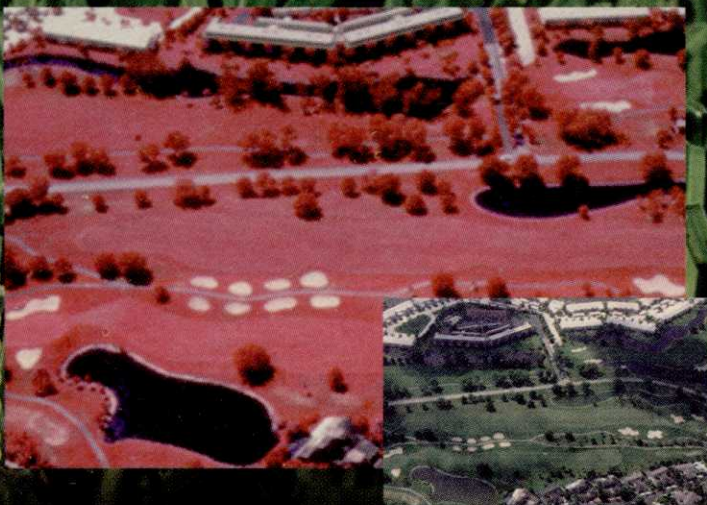
Blue Mound G&CC, Wauwatosa
Country Club of Wisconsin, Grafton
Monroe Country Club, Monroe
Ozaukee Country Club, Mequon

Wyoming

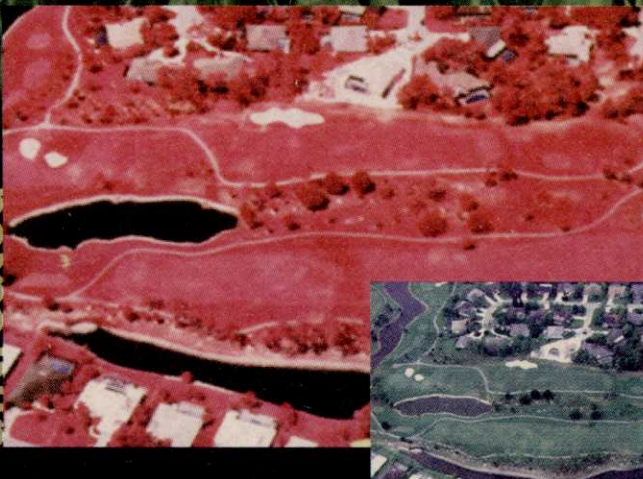
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