

Hoover Country Club is recognized by Audubon International

Hoover Country Club has achieved designation as a “Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary” by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), the educational division of Audubon International. Doug Trospen, CGCS, Superintendent, has led the effort to obtain sanctuary status on this course and is being recognized for Environmental Stewardship by Audubon International. Hoover Country Club is the first course in Alabama and the 603rd in the world to receive this honor.

“Hoover Country Club has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property,” said Jeremy Taylor, staff ecologist for the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Programs.

“To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a

If your course is trying to obtain sanctuary status, let the AGCSA know about your progress for inclusion in the Journal.



number of areas,” explained Taylor. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation and Water Quality Management.

Hoover Country Club is a private club with 680 members and has all the facilities to accommodate the membership’s needs. It is nestled on 153 acres surrounded by the beautiful outlying mountains of Hoover, Alabama—one of the fastest growing cities in the state. “Established in 1959, making it the oldest in the area, it is a good example of an environmental program and wildlife habitat coexisting with all the urban development surrounding the golf course,” stated Trospen.

Hoover Country Club was the site for the LPGA tour stop Birmingham Classic, 1972 –82. In 1986 it was redesigned by Ward Northrop and has been the site for many prestigious events, both in professional and amateur ranks. It is the home course for Kathy Hartwiger, winner of the 2002 USGA Mid-Amateur, Will Swift, winner of the 2002 and 2005 Men’s Alabama State Amateur, and the current PGA tour player Steve Lowery began his career here in the early 70’s. In September, 2006, Hoover Country Club will have hosted all five major Alabama championships, making it the only club in Alabama with this accomplishment.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, endorsed by the United States Golf Association, provides information and guidance to help golf courses preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, and protect natural resources. Golf courses from the United States, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe and Southeast Asia have also achieved certification in the program.



Congratulations to Hoover Country Club’s Superintendent, Doug Trospen, on his success in having Hoover designated as a “Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary”

In addition to golf courses, the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System also provides programs for schools, individuals and businesses. For more information, contact Audubon International, 46 Rarick Rd., Selkirk, NY 12158; Telephone (518) 767-9051 or e-mail them at acss@auduboninternational.org or visit their website at www.auduboninternational.org.