#### News Notes

## UPDATED AUDUBON STEWARDSHIP GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

The 2002 edition of *A Guide to Environmental Stewardship on the Golf Course* is now available from Audubon International. The guidebook is designed to help superintendents and others interested in environmental management to blend environmentally responsible practices into the day-to-day operations of golf course management.

The book incorporates knowledge gained through Audubon International's ten years of work to help golf courses serve as ecologically valuable green spaces throughout North America, while reducing potential environmental impacts associated with golf course operations. The 128-page *Guide* covers a variety of topics, including environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation and water quality management, and how to build support through outreach and education activities. Project plans, case examples, and plenty of reference material are included to help golf courses achieve their environmental goals.

To order a copy of A Guide to Environmental Stewardship on the Golf Course, contact Jennifer Batza, Audubon International membership secretary, at (518) 767-9051, extension 12, or e-mail <a href="mailto:jbatza@audubonintl.org">jbatza@audubonintl.org</a>. The guide can also be ordered from Audubon International's online store at <a href="https://www.audubonintl.org/store">www.audubonintl.org/store</a>. Cost: \$25.00. Note: New members of the ACSP for Golf Courses will receive the Guide as part of their new member packets.

# NEW CONSTRUCTION PUBLICATION AVAILABLE



Building the USGA Green: Tips for Success by the USGA Green Section staff is now available. This booklet addresses the practical side of building greens according to the USGA Guidelines. While the Guidelines address the specific details of the method, they don't, for example, describe the best procedure for digging the cavity, installing the drainage system, or adding the gravel and rootzone mixtures to the profile.

The *Tips for Success* booklet is based on input from experienced agronomists, architects, builders, and golf course superintendents. In addition to addressing the

practical side of construction, it includes suggestions for planting and grow-in, and provides additional information and reading references.

Building the USGA Green: Tips for Success (publication #PG1112) is available for \$4.50, plus shipping and handling, through the USGA Order Department at 800-336-4446 or <a href="https://www.usgapubs.com">www.usgapubs.com</a>.

#### REGIONAL OFFICE OPENED

The southern half of the Mid-Continent Region has opened up a new office location. Bud White, agronomist, can be reached at:

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### PHYSICAL SOIL TESTING LABORATORIES

The following laboratories are accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA), having demonstrated ongoing competency in testing materials specified in the USGA's Recommendations for Putting Green Construction. The USGA recommends that only A2LA-accredited laboratories be used for testing and analyzing materials for building greens according to our guidelines.

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