

# Meet 20 Audubon Stewards

A network of partners for education and outreach.

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One of our greatest pleasures at Audubon International is forging relationships with individuals across the world. Many of our most enthusiastic members are asked to be part of the Audubon Steward Network, which is comprised of Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP)

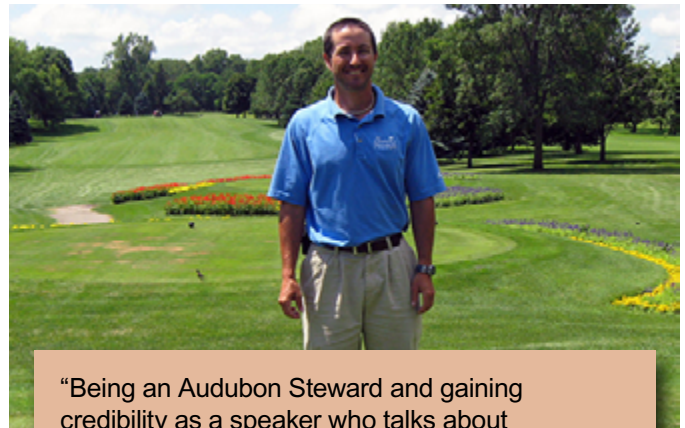
members who have volunteered to help Audubon International maintain local sources of support in their regions. As working partners with Audubon International staff for education and outreach, Audubon Stewards use their knowledge and experience within the ACSP to provide information and assis-

tance to others who have registered or might be interested in ACSP programs. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce 20 of these dedicated individuals and share some of their thoughts about the ACSP for Golf Courses.



“Beaconsfield Golf Club has benefited from membership by receiving community recognition for its attention to environmental issues. The program is excellent and the list of specific goals gives us something to aim for.”

Doug Meyer, Beaconsfield Golf Club,  
Pointe-Claire, Quebec



“Being an Audubon Steward and gaining credibility as a speaker who talks about environmental management and Audubon International has been very rewarding. It has helped fuel my passion and helped open up other environmental accolades for Brooks National.”

Brett Hetland, Brooks National Golf Club,  
Okoboji, Iowa



“The ACSP provides valuable guidance as well as public recognition to the efforts made on the golf course to create an atmosphere that is representative of the natural world. Our members are proud to be part of the program and enjoy the many benefits of the relationship.”

Dean Graves,  
Chevy Chase Club,  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

“Although winning many awards and being written about in numerous articles is very satisfying, our biggest accomplishment is our ability to maintain a very good golf course at a 90% natural organic/biological to 10% synthetic chemical use ratio.”

Pat Blum,  
Colonial Acres  
Golf Course,  
Glenmont, New York

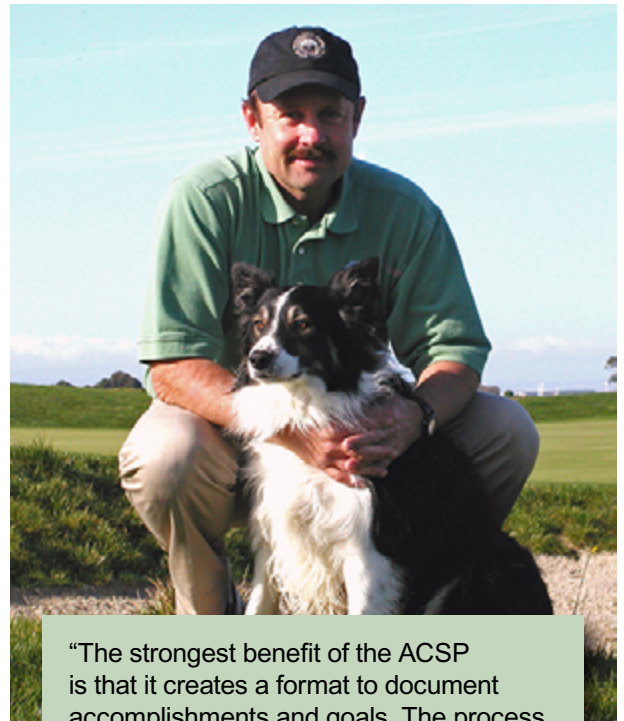






“Most superintendents don’t communicate the good things that they do at their courses, so there is a lot of opportunity for us as an industry to get the word out. We are viewed by our neighbors and the local community as good stewards of our property. The members of our club are proud that we are certified in the ACSP, and they feel good about the way we manage our course.”

Steve Kealy, Glendale Country Club, Bellevue, Washington



“The strongest benefit of the ACSP is that it creates a format to document accomplishments and goals. The process helps us evaluate our efforts, gives us ideas on how to improve, and assures us that we are doing our due diligence in our efforts to combat environmental issues.”

Gary Ingram, Metropolitan Golf Links, Oakland, California



“One of our biggest achievements in the ACSP is the environmental awareness that has been achieved, both through the golf course directly, but also indirectly, as it affects our gated-community’s environmental programs.”

Marvin Bouknight, Oldfield Club, Okatie, South Carolina



“I believe the biggest benefit of the program has been getting my cast members [maintenance staff] excited about the program. It wasn’t long until my cast developed a passion for this new adventure.”

Robert Karnes, Lake Buena Vista Golf Club and Osprey Ridge Golf Club, Lake Buena Vista, Florida



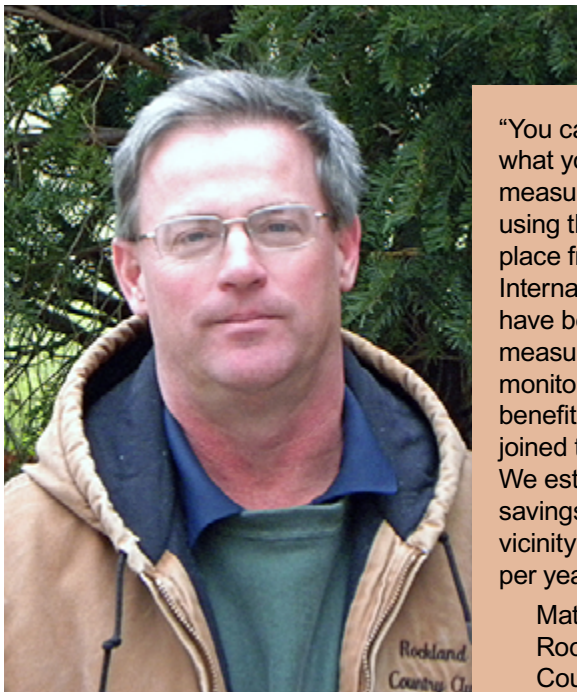
“One of the most significant benefits we have gained from being involved with the program has been the ability to educate people who would not have had the opportunity to learn about what golf courses do to sustain and enhance the environments in and around them. Explaining how our programs and practices are carried out on a daily basis really opens people’s eyes when it is presented to them in a professional manner.”

Lance Morris, Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club, Priddis, Alberta



“Our biggest accomplishment through the program has been the recognition in the community as a golf course that is doing the ‘right thing’ in maintaining the golf course. I am very proud to be carrying out my duties as a golf course superintendent in an environmentally sound way.”

Vance Much, Resort Semiahmoo, Blaine, Washington



“You can’t monitor what you don’t measure, and by using the tools in place from Audubon International we have been measuring and monitoring all the benefits since we joined the program. We estimate a cost savings in the vicinity of \$10,000 per year.”

Matt Ceplo, Rockland Country Club, Sparkill, New York



“The strongest part of the program is that it helps you to organize property-specific data as it relates to stewardship, allowing for transparency and better decisions that affect sustainability. As the pressures from regulatory agencies have increased, our documented environmental efforts and successes have been a huge benefit to the property.”

Anthony Williams, Stone Mountain Golf Club, Stone Mountain, Georgia



“The strongest part of the program is the initial environmental auditing requirements within the various categories. It makes one take a long, hard look at everything you do. This process also points out many obvious ways to make improvements. I have gained a tremendous sense of pride and satisfaction from doing things in an environmentally responsible way.”

Marc Brooks,  
Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club,  
Owen Sound,  
Ontario



“The single greatest benefit of the certification process has been developing a template for all environmental issues and specific reasons for performing all tasks on the golf course. As environmental issues have come up and continue to come up, we are fully prepared because of our existing proactive initiatives.”

James Beebe,  
Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club,  
Priddis, Alberta



“The ACSP has provided me with knowledge, guidance and a general understanding of how I should work with the environment in a structured way. It provides me with practical, easy-to-apply ideas. I appreciate the opportunity to network with other like-minded individuals.”

Håkan Rasmusson,  
Värpinge Golfbana,  
Lund, Sweden

“Most of the members like the natural environment, and the recognition has been great!!! We have won many state, local, and national awards.”

Carl Suding, Padre Isles Country Club,  
Corpus Christi, Texas





“Participation in the program has increased our knowledge and awareness of responsible environmental practices. It helps us to educate the public and golfers on environmental issues and maintenance practices.”

Shaun J. Riley,  
Mountain Golf Course at Incline Village,  
Incline Village, Nevada

“The strongest part of the certification process is the process itself. Improving the environmental aspects of the golf course, getting golfers and staff members to see that the golf course is more than just a place to play or work, and changing the perception of golf courses in the public eye make it all worthwhile.”

Paul L. Carter, CGCS, The Bear Trace at Harrison Bay,  
Harrison, Tennessee



“Stone Creek joined the ACSP to document activities pertaining to sustainability and wildlife enhancement. It has been a good platform to promote the activities and to show that we ‘walk the talk.’”

David Phipps, Stone Creek Golf Club,  
Oregon City, Oregon

“Our property, which had very little wildlife value prior to joining the program, is now filled with a variety of native habitat and plant varieties. Community members recognize our staff as environmental leaders.”

Chris Pekarek,  
Village Links of Glen Ellyn,  
Glen Ellyn,  
Illinois



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