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The Links at Boynton Beach Golf Course Recognized for Environmental Excellence

BOYNTON BEACH, FL – The Links at Boynton Beach Golf Course has retained its designation as a “Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary” through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program. Participation is designed to help course personnel plan, organize, implement, and document a comprehensive environmental management program and receive recognition for their efforts. To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas including: Environmental Planning, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management.

“The Links at Boynton Beach 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 Jim Sluiter, Staff Ecologist at Audubon International.

The Links at Boynton Beach is one of 95 courses in Florida and 709 courses in the world to receive the honor. Golf courses from the United States, Africa, Australia, Central America, Europe, South America, and Southeast Asia have also achieved certification in the program. The golf course was designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 2006. After designation, courses go through a recertification process every two years.

This year, the recertification process, coordinated by Scott Wahlin, Superintendent at The Links at Boynton Beach, required a visit by a local environmental expert. Jeff Klonz, a member of the Audubon Steward Network and Superintendent at the Country Club of Florida, conducted the site visit and sent his observations to Audubon International.

Klonz was pleased with the environmental stewardship efforts on the course, stating “Scott Wahlin and his Boynton Links staff have completed the process of certification with outstanding efforts. Scott has gone over and above the call of duty to encourage wildlife and birds with the natural habitat in place.”

“We see the site visit as an important component of a course’s recertification,” stated Sluiter. “It provides an objective verification of some of the more visible aspects of the course’s environmental management activities. In addition, it offers an opportunity for golf course representatives to share publicly some of the voluntary actions they have taken to protect and sustain the land, water, wildlife, and natural resources around them.”

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