

Fairwinds Golf Club Recognized for Environmental Excellence

NANOOSE BAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, June 2009 – Fairwinds Golf Club has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program. Rod Siddons, Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, has led the effort to obtain sanctuary status on this course and is being recognized for Environmental Stewardship by Audubon International. Fairwinds Golf Club is the 8th course in British Columbia and the 706th in the world to receive the honor.

"Fairwinds Golf and 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 Jim Sluiter, 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 number of areas," explained Sluiter. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Wildlife and Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management.

"Being stewards of the golf course is not only our responsibility it is simply the right thing to do. Audubon International gives an excellent framework and assistance for creating, adjusting and auditing golf course programs. Economically and environmentally it has been a win/win situation for Fairwinds Golf Club," said Siddons.

"I am extremely proud of this accomplishment. This truly demonstrates the dedication and commitment of our grounds maintenance team, in particular their concern regarding the handling and maintaining our beautiful natural surroundings. I give them full credit and compliment them on this wonderful achievement," said Jim Olsen, General Manager, Operations at Fairwinds.



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, Africa, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe, and Southeast Asia have also achieved certification in the program.

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ABOUT FAIRWINDS

Fairwinds Community & Resort is central Vancouver Island's premier master-planned, oceanfront community with over 700 homes and homesites developed to date. It includes the award-winning Les Furber designed 18-hole Fairwinds Golf Club, the 20,000 square foot Fairwinds Centre health club and the 360 berth Schooner Cove Marina. Its Bonnington Heights and Rockcliffe real estate projects are currently selling and its future developable lands include approximately 736 acres at the Lakes District and 12 acres at Schooner Cove. For more information, visit www.fairwinds.ca.