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Whistler Golf Club Recognized for Environmental Excellence

WHISTLER, BC – Whistler Golf Club has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. Stu Carmichael, assistant superintendent, led the effort to obtain sanctuary designation on the property. Whistler is the 95th course in Canada and the 901st in the world to be designated as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

"Whistler Golf 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 Tara Pepperman, Director of Cooperative Sanctuary Programs at Audubon International.

"To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas," explained Pepperman. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management.

"I'm very proud of the effort our maintenance team has put in to achieve the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program status" said Alan Kristmanson, General Manager of the Whistler Golf Club. "We take our commitment to the environment of Whistler very seriously and will continue to work with our industry and resort partners to enhance the environment for all the species that call our grounds home."

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, New Zealand, and Southeast Asia have achieved certification in the program.

The Whistler Golf Club is an Arnold Palmer design resort course located in the heart of Whistler village. It is a valley course featuring century old fir and spruce trees. The course also features 5 lakes and a fish bearing stream known as Crabapple Creek. The course is often frequented by black bears. Beavers, coyotes, deer and waterfowl are also present on the course.

Audubon International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Troy, NY. In addition to golf courses, Audubon International also provides programs for businesses, schools, communities, and new

developments with the purpose of delivering high-quality environmental education and facilitating the sustainable management of natural resources. For more information, call Audubon International at (518) 767-9051 or visit www.auduboninternational.org.

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