

## **Tradition National Golf Club Recognized for Environmental Excellence**

HARDEEVILLE, SC – The course at Tradition National Golf Club has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program. Rich Maxfield, Course Superintendent, has led the effort to obtain sanctuary status on this course and is being recognized for Environmental Stewardship by Audubon International. Tradition National Golf Club is the 25<sup>th</sup> course in South Carolina and the 774<sup>th</sup> in the world to receive the honor.

"Tradition National 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 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 & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management.

"Tradition National is committed to being a steward of the environment, and is honored with our work with Audubon International and our designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary," said Maxfield.

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.

### **About Tradition National Golf Course**

*Tradition National Golf Course at Tradition Hilton Head was designed by the renowned Tommy Fazio, who made maximum use of the lakes and natural wetlands throughout the more than 250 acres of the course. The par 72 layout plays from as far back as 7,300 yards and has four other sets of tees playing 6,650, 5,960 and 4,955 yards. Tradition National Golf Course offers a full-service pro shop and grill. Tradition Hilton Head residents enjoy priority access to Tradition National, with no equity membership fee required. [www.TraditionNational.com](http://www.TraditionNational.com)*

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