

## Superintendents Discuss Audubon at Conference

The Georgia GCSA partnered with Audubon International to once again feature at the annual Georgia Environmental Conference at Jekyll Island Resort on Jekyll Island. The conference is billed as “the Southeast’s largest and most comprehensive professional environmental education opportunity.”

Georgia GCSA members helped deliver a presentation titled: Audubon and Golf: 18 Fair-ways to See and Conserve Nature. Georgia GCSA past-president Buck Workman, CGCS from Cateechee Golf Club, and current secretary-treasurer Chris Steigelman, CGCS from The Landings Club were part of panel along with Frank LaVardera of Audubon International, and Savannah Schell, Cateechee’s wildlife biologist.

The presentation and discussion were moderated by Dr. Gary Hawkins of the University of Georgia.

The presentation stressed how Audubon’s Cooperative Sanctuary Program helps golf courses protect the environment and preserve the natural heritage of the game of golf. By helping people enhance the valuable natural areas and wildlife habitats that golf courses provide, improve efficiency and minimize potentially harmful impacts of golf course operations, the program serves an important environmental role worldwide.

Audubon International has developed standard environmental management practices that are generally applicable to all golf courses. These standards form the basis for ACSP for Golf certification guidelines. ■



Frank LaVardera, Dr. Gary Hawkins, Savannah Schell, Buck Workman, CGCS and Chris Steigelman, CGCS took the story of golf’s work with Audubon International to this year’s Georgia Environmental Conference.



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