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Club at Las Campanas Recognized for Environmental Excellence

SANTA FE, NM – Club at Las Campanas has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. Wendell T. Egelhoff, Director of Agronomy, led the effort to obtain sanctuary designation on the property and is being recognized for Environmental Stewardship by Audubon International. The Club at Las Campanas is the first course in New Mexico and one of 901 in the world to hold the title of Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

"Club at Las Campanas 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 Donadio, 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 Donadio. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management.

The Agronomy Staff in barked on this path toward certification 6 years ago. It has been a joint effort between dedicated club members and Agronomy Staff to see this through to certification. The many projects that have been completed that are associated with the Audubon project not only have benefited the wildlife here at Las Campanas but have enhanced the club experience for our members. I take great pride in this accomplishment as well should all the staff and members of the club at Las Campanas.

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 Club at Las Campanas is nestled at the foot of the stunning Sangre de Cristo Mountains at 6800' elevation and offers a truly unique setting to enjoy an ideal life in Santa Fe. Created in 1991 with a passion for excellence, The Club at Las Campanas is the only full-amenity private club in northern New Mexico and is just six short miles from the famous cultural heart of downtown Santa Fe. As the light is considered to be transformative in northern New Mexico so too are the facilities at the Club at Las Campanas. The centerpiece of the Club is the Hacienda Clubhouse, which pays homage to the region's distinctive southwest style. Two magnificent Jack Nicklaus signature golf courses sit on 138 acres of rolling high desert terrain. The Club also has a state of the art Spa & tennis Center and a world-class Equestrian Center. The membership at the Club at Las Campanas is a warm reflection of Santa Fe's distinct Southwest location and personality- hospitable, informal, and layered with cultural nuances and fascinating personal stories. This diverse group of fellow members, from all over the country and the world, find meaningful new friendships, connections and experiences through club life. Welcome to the most distinctive community in the City different.

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