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THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from
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Interesting and Innovative Ideas that should be adopted by the Golf Industry

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Beaconsfield Golf Club

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The Beaconsfield Golf Club has retained its Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Status this year thanks to rigorous testing and environmental quality improvement measures.

It was announced in January 2011 that the golf course of Beaconsfield Golf Club would remain a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses for the second time in a row.

The course thus remains in the select club of 816 golf courses across the world that has received the honour.

This came as a result of the club maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, outreach and education, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation, and water quality management.

The certification is renewed every three years and Beaconsfield obtained it for the first time in 2008.

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Certification Process

According to Douglas Meyer, Turf Manager at Beaconsfield Golf Club —

« It's probably one of the most rewarding things we have accomplished, we have one person working 25 hours a week on the Audubon making sure things are intact. »

To pass the test and be awarded the certification, a club has to enter a fairly lengthy process of self-evaluation.

Everything on site such as the wildlife, water quality, grass and tree species must be evaluated.

The certification requires not using pesticides in environmentally-reserved areas and checking for diseases on the turf to be able to lower pesticide use.

To avoid water contamination, buffer zones need to be created between fairways and water ways and no pesticides must be used 15 meters around the lakes.

Testing the water must be done three to four times a year to make sure that there are no run-offs going into the water to ensure proper water quality.

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Eco-Rough

At Beaconsfield Golf Club, the areas of rough, to the sides of each hole, are left un-mown during the summer to encourage tall wispy grasses and wild flowers are known as Eco-Rough, or Non-Golfing Rough.

They are either well to the side of the desired golfing lines or intended to provide an area of ground which the golfer is required to fly in order to reach the fairway or green.

To thin out lush course grasses and favour the finer grasses, which will enable a ball to be found more easily if it should land in this rough, it is necessary to reduce the fertility of these areas.

This is done by cutting the grass aggressively in autumn and winter, and removing the clippings, to prevent the decomposing grass releasing its nutrients back into the soil.

In the worst areas, i.e. where grass is thickest and most lush, it is also necessary to scarify the ground to break into the soil underneath and expose the natural seed bed.

This allows the finer grasses and the native wild flowers to replace the existing grass type.

When this operation is carried out it looks very unsightly, for a time, but it is an essential task to ensure the improvement of these areas.

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The Golf Course

The golf course of Beaconsfield Golf Club is an interesting, well-maintained course with each of the holes having different characteristics.

The course remains basically the same as when it was originally designed in 1913 by H.S. « *Harry* » Colt and it has many of his trademark features.

In particular it is very well bunkered and has unusually large greens.

The mature beauty of the golf course and its relatively short 6512 yards, subtly disguise its severe demands on accuracy. The course is unique in many other respects.

By combining distance, strategically located bunkers and an undulating green, the notorious 13th — « *Village* » — is possibly the most difficult par 3 in Canada.

The 15th hole — « *Gibraltar* », Beaconsfield's signature hole, is set against a stunning 30-foot rock face — a remnant from its origins as a limestone quarry.



Meet Doug Meyer

Superintendent
of the Year



Douglas Meyer is Turf Manager at Beaconsfield Golf Club.

Meyer was the expert responsible for obtaining and retaining the Certified Audubon Co-operative Sanctuary Status at Beaconsfield Golf Club.

He attended the University of Guelph from 1970 to 1972, and became a research technician with the university, studying the effects of herbicides and fungicides on turfgrass.

In 1975, Meyer accepted the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Cedarbrook Golf Club in Sainte-Sophie, Quebec — a post he held for twenty-four years.

In 1999, when Cedarbrook was sold to ClubLink Corporation, Meyer was appointed as Quebec Regional Superintendent.

In 2001, Meyer's hands-on approach to turf management would lead him to accept the position of Turf Manager at Beaconsfield Golf Club.

Meyer also served as President of Quebec Golf Superintendents Association in 1984–85, as well as President of Canadian Golf Superintendents Association in 1998.

With his spirit of excellence, Meyer was the LAST GREAT LEADER of these Trade Associations — under his powerful leadership, the Golf Industry underwent growing prosperity.

Meyer also received the PRESTIGIOUS Superintendent Of The Year Award in 2004.

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HUJE have created LOSS OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT, inflicting DESPAIR and DESTITUTION for THOUSANDS of hapless victims throughout the Green Space Industry. The DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE of Lunatic Culprit Terrorist Basterd HUJE is viewed as a form of TERROR, HARM, and THREAT against the Green Space Industry.

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Force Of Nature, and its various incarnations, is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his colleagues. Mr. Gathercole is a principal FOUNDER of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in BOTH Ontario and Quebec. He holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from MCGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the Green Space Industry, including GOLF, PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, and has served in environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety. Mr. Gathercole has supervised, consulted, programmed, and/or overseen the successful and safe execution of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of pest control applications in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and consulted with THOUSANDS of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority.

Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues have followed the evolution of LUNATIC ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter century. For FIFTEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of the VERMIN OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR for the entire Modern Green Space Industry across Canada. Their involvement in Environmental Issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with his colleagues, legal action against the Forces of Environmental Evil in the Town of Hudson, Quebec.

Today, Mr. Gathercole is the ONLY TRUE RELIABLE WITNESS of the Hudson Affair. Mr. Gathercole is personally credited for crafting the Golf Industry Exception Status that endures to this day. He is also the creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application. His vast knowledge of our long journey with Environmental Issues is UNDENIABLE — hopefully ! Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as FOUNDER of Force Of Nature.

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