TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008

Credits, Credits, Credits!
We’ve packed our Tuesday schedule with pesticide applicator credits and your favorite speakers, so start off Expo with quality education and the credits you need to maintain your professional license!

9:00 - 11:30 AM CORE SESSION 5 Credits: CORE
9:00-10:30 Understanding a pesticide’s mode of action is the first step toward selection, effectiveness and safety
Dr Steve Hart, Rich Buckley and Dr Albrecht Koppenhöfer, Rutgers Univ.

10:30-11:30 Pesticide Core Jeopardy: A game-show format to review pesticide safety and handling
Mike Oleykowski, Fisher & Son

12:30 - 2:30 PM 3A SESSION 4 Credits: 3A, 6B, 8C, PP2
12:30-1:30 Significant insect pests & other nasty beasts in the NJ landscape
Rich Buckley, Rutgers Univ.

1:30-2:30 Controlling weeds in ornamentals is not as difficult as you might think
Dr Jeff Derr, Virginia Tech Univ.

Let’s talk about controlling Invasive Weeds
Dr Jeff Derr, Virginia Tech Univ.

2:45 - 4:45 PM 3B SESSION 4 Credits: 3B, 6B, 8C, PP2
2:45-4:45 Doing more with less: Developing a pest control program that will help you grow better grass... and better businesses.
Dr Jim Murphy, Dr Steve Hart, John Buechner

12:30 - 4:00 PM GOLF SESSION Nutrients, the Golf Course and the Environment 1 Credit: 5, 3B, 6B, 8C, PP2
Last year, golf attendees asked us to pull together a program that touches on the environment, fertility, and the golf course. We’ve assembled a formidable lineup of speakers who will address these issues... and in this time of spiraling fertilizer costs, awareness of fertility choices can not only help you grow a healthy golf course but also keep your budget in line.

12:30-1:15 What’s up with all of the weeds in your ponds?
An IPM approach to Pond Management
Dr Steve Souza, Princeton Hydro

1:15-2:00 Foliar Fertility- a splash on the grass
Dr Roch Gaussoin, Univ. of Nebraska

2:15-3:00 It’s not easy being green:
An organic approach to Golf Course Management
Jeff Carlson, Vineyard Golf Club, MA

3:15-4:00 How to Manage the Organic Matter in your Golf Greens... and why!
Dr RochGausson, Univ. of Nebraska

4:00 - 7:00 PM GRASS ROOTS, INC. presents:
Golf Mix and Mingle Cocktail Reception
Thanks to Ken and Keith Kabik, Grass Roots Inc. once again is sponsoring a 3-hour cocktail reception for golf attendees. Many of you have told us that this is the social highlight of Expo, and that you enjoy greeting old friends and meeting new ones while enjoying the fabulous Kabik hospitality. Thank you, Grass Roots, for providing this opportunity to eat, greet, and network!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2008

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM GENERAL SESSION
In addition to giving you some insight into the amazing science going on at Rutgers, this session will include a new version of Dr Jim Murphy’s management slide show. Our keynote speaker is a nationally known speaker who will provide us with a view of our industry’s future. This year’s general session is a must attend event!

9:00-9:05 NITA Annual Meeting

9:05-9:10 Official welcome from Rutgers University

9:10-9:40 Rags to Riches: Turf Management In 2008
Dr Jim Murphy, Rutgers Univ.

NITA Environmental Stewardship Award Presentation

9:45-10:1 Location, location, location... what turf species – and mixtures- go where?
Dr Bill Meyer, Rutgers Univ.

NITA Member of Year Award Presentation

NITA Recognition Award Presentation

10:20-10:4 Mating Disruption of Turf Pests- Sex and the City?
Dr Albrecht Koppenhöfer, Rutgers Univ.

10:45-11:10 10 things you never knew about the Rutgers Turf Program... a peek behind the scenes
Dr Stacy Bonos, Rutgers Univ.

11:10-11:45 What Lies Ahead for the Green Industry?
David Crowe, DC Legislative & Regulatory Services

11:50-12:00 NITA Hall of Fame Award Presentation

12:00 - 1:00 PM LUNCH sponsored by STORR TRACTOR COMPANY
One of NITAs—and Rutgers—greatest champions is MaryLou DesChamps and the Storr Tractor Company. Once again they’ve sponsored your lunch, allowing you plenty of time to get back into the sessions for the education and credits you desire. Thanks MaryLou!

1:00 - 4:00 PM USGA GOLF SESSION
2 Credits: 3B, 6B, 8C, PP2 1 Credit: Core

1:00-1:30 USGA Year in review
Adam Moeller, USGA Agronomist

1:30-2:00 Understanding the different pesticide chemistries currently used in the golf industry
Dr Mike Fidanza, Penn State Univ.

2:00-2:30 Annual bluegrass weevil problems in 2008... let’s look at their biology, ecology, and monitoring.
Ben McGraw, Rutgers Univ.

2:30-3:00 Chemicals update... what’s new on the label
Dr Rich Hurley, Rutgers Univ.

3:00-3:30 Resumes, interviewing, and power points:
How best to impress and be selected

3:30-4:00 Trees and turf: A peaceful coexistence
Dr Roch Gaussoin, Univ. of Nebraska
1:00 - 4:00 PM LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR & LAWN CARE
1 Credit: 3A. 2Credits: 3B, 6B, 8C, PP2
1:00-1:30 Ornamental grasses and drought tolerant landscape plants
Dr. Bruce Crawford, Rutgers Gardens
1:30-2:00 Ornamental weed control
Dr. Jeff Derr, Virginia Tech Univ.
2:00-2:30 Low maintenance turf varieties
Dr. Stacy Bonos, Rutgers Univ.
2:30-3:00 Growth regulators and other add on services
Dr. Tim Murphy, Rutgers Univ.
3:00-3:30 The customers want results! Are you able to meet their expectations?
Tom Shotzbarger, Tomlinson Bomberger Lawn Care & Landscape
3:30-4:00 Fleas, ticks, gypsy moths, mosquitoes and other pesky pests
Dr. George Hamilton

1:00 - 4:00 PM SPORTS FIELD MANAGEMENT
1 Credit: 3A. 2 Credits: 3B, 6B, 8C, PP2
1:00-1:30 SFMAN Business Meeting
1:30-2:15 Communication and Leadership skills for sports field managers
Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, SCPS, Toro Company
2:15-2:45 A director of recreation's perspective on synthetic infill fields
M. Bruce Kaufmann, CPRP, Town of Westfield
2:45-3:30 A National look at sports field management
Kim Heck, Sports Field Managers Association
3:30-4:00 Update on synthetic turf human health issues
Jerry Fagliano, NJ Dept of Health and Senior Services

4:00-7:00 TRADE SHOW - DAY 1
Come to the Trade Show to see what's new in equipment and services, to enjoy some fine refreshment, and catch-up with your peers.

TRADE SHOW sponsored by LEE KOZEY and SYNGENTA PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTS
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008

Our Thursday sessions pick up with important science for golf attendees, plus a mixture of science and management for the Sports Fields and Landscape/Lawn Care disciplines. Nationally known scientists and managers have come together to provide you with valuable information you can use to make your operation better.

7:00 - 10:00 AM GOLF EARLY BIRD SESSION I
5 Credits: 3B, 6B, 8C, PP2
7:00-7:45 New strategies for fairy ring control on golf course greens
Dr. Mike Fidanza, Penn State Univ.
7:45-8:30 Crane flies, cicada killers and other scary bugs
Dr. Albrecht Koppenhofer, Rutgers Univ.
8:30-9:15 Are you using all of the tools in your toolbox to control turfgrass diseases?
Dr. Bruce Clarke, Rutgers Univ.

9:15-10:00 A resurgence of an old nemesis- Summer Patch: Lessons learned from 2008
Dr. Bruce Clarke, Rutgers Univ.

7:00 - 10:00 AM SPORTS FIELD MANAGERS
1 Credit: 3B, 6B, 8C, PP2
7:00-8:00 Early bird sports field managers Networking Roundtable
8:00-9:00 Turfgrass management for sports fields 101
Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers Univ.
9:00-9:30 Recent turfgrass traffic tolerance research at Rutgers Brad Park, Rutgers Univ.
9:30-10:00 Developing utility sports fields using farming principles
Dr. John Grande, Rutgers Snyder Farm

8:00 - 10:00 AM LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR & LAWN CARE
3 Credits: 3A, 6B, 8C, PP2
8:00-8:45 Least Toxic Products for the Control of Insects and Diseases in the Landscape
Rich Buckley, Rutgers Univ.
8:45-9:30 There's new herbicide products on the market... and more coming!
Patrick McCullough, Rutgers University
9:30-10:00 Lease or purchase: what is your best choice?
Rick Schreib, GE Money

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM TRADE SHOW
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12:30 - 2:30 PM CORE SESSION 4 Credits: Core
Three years ago Dr. Mike Agnew presented a core session that discussed application techniques. It was our highest rated core session ever, and more than 160 people attended. We've asked Mike to reprise and update that talk, and he's graciously agreed. Working with Penn State's Dr. Mike Fidanza, they will be presenting important—and immediately useful—data of maximizing plant protection with proper application. In this day of tight budgets, this session is surely a can't miss opportunity to make your operation better.

Making your plant protection products work for you! An examination of how products are applied and the impact on plant protection products on efficacy.
Dr. Mike Agnew, Syngenta and Dr. Mike Fidanza, Penn State University

12:30 - 2:30 PM SPORTS FIELD MANAGERS
12:30-12:00 Renovation of First Energy Stadium, Reading, PA
Dan "Dirt" Douglas, Reading Phillies
1:00-1:30 Responsibilities of a New Jersey School IPM Coordinator
Erik Hammerdahl, Morris-Jointure Commission
1:30-2:00 Authoring specifications and managing sports field construction
Tom Miller, Environmental Resolutions
1:30-2:00 Sports field and grounds management at a New Jersey High School
Kevin Shipman, Kingsway High School