

Scholarships and honors highlight N.Y. turfgrass expo

The New York State Turfgrass Association's annual Turf and Grounds Exposition in Rochester reportedly was an outstanding success.

The special one-day seminars were well received. Dr. Patricia Vittum of the University of Massachusetts said attendees at her session were "as stimulating and involved" as any she had seen. The three seminars had more than 300 attendees who were able to focus on one topic for an entire day.

Concurrent sessions targeted to golf course management, lawn and landscape services, athletic field management, grounds maintenance and handling yard wastes. The scope of this program allowed many people to attend sessions pertinent to their area of green industry.

The trade show featured 328 booths displaying the latest equipment and supplies.

As a fund-raiser, Eaton Equipment Corp. had a lottery that raised \$422 for the New York Turfgrass Foundation.

Michael Maffei, the newly elected president, was master of ceremonies. He presented scholarships to Brian William Bailey of Cornell University and Thad Thompson of SUNY Delhi.

NYSTA also presented plaques to the five golf course superintendents whose clubs hosted fund-raiser golf tournaments: Frank Bevelacqua of Blue Hill Golf Club; Charlie Clintsman of Teugega Country Club; Dick Deibert of Cornell University Golf Club; Walter Farmer of Saranac Inn Golf and Country Club; and Jonathan Jennings of Hiland Park Golf Club.

Tom Strain, former director, was awarded a plaque honoring him for his years of service to NYSTA. Stephen Smith received a plaque honoring his tenure as a board member and president.

The association presented \$10,000 to Dr. Brian Chabot for the New York Turfgrass Foundation. The foundation is a fund at the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to support research activities for the benefit of the turfgrass industry of New York State. The Metropolitan GCSA and Eaton Equipment Corp. also presented donations to the foundation.

N.C. attendance up

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Turf professionals gathered to collect the latest scientific information and view the array of equipment at the 30th annual North Carolina Turfgrass Conference and Show, Jan. 8-10.

The conference showed an 80-percent increase in attendance over last year. Topics included a wide range of turfgrass applications, such as: parks, athletic fields, sod production, roadsides, cemeteries, golf courses, residential and commercial lawn care. In all, over 20 hours of continuing education were offered.

Contributions to support turfgrass research and education were accepted from: the Adirondack GCSA; Central New York GCSA; Finger Lakes AGCS; Hudson Valley GCSA; Metropolitan GCSA; and Northeastern GCSA.

The Hudson Valley Golf Course Superintendents Association presented \$2,000 to the SUNY Delhi turfgrass program. Noram Chemical Co. presented a scholarship to Brian Bailey.

Maine turf conference loaded with experts

A lineup of experts from Ohio State University's Dr. Harry Niemczyk to architect Stephen Kay and superintendent Gordon Wittereen will speak at the Maine Turfgrass Conference and Show at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, March 24-25.

The first morning session, moderated by Chuck Ravis of Augusta Country Club, includes a welcome by MGCSA President David Kile, and presentations by Niemczyk on Biological Controls of Turf Insects; and Dr. Karl Deubert of University of Mas-

sachusetts Cranberry Experiment Station, on the Reaction of Pesticide Compounds in the Soil. The morning session also features the MCGSA awards and a trade show.

The afternoon session, moderated by Kile, features presentations by Wittereen, from the Board of Trade of Metro Toronto, on 25 years of Mistakes; Robert Noonan, Richardson and Troubh of Portland, on Workmen's Comp: Who Gets It and Why; and Kay of Bronxville, NY, on Keep 'Em on the Paths. The presentations will be followed by a trade

shot and hospitality.

The Wednesday session includes Golf Course Composting by Charles Passios of Hyannisport Club in Marston Mills, Mass.; Addressing Environmental Concerns, by Dr. Kim Erusha of the United States Golf Association in Far Hills, N.J.; The Latest on Endophytes by Dr. William Torello of U-Mass Amherst; The Effects of the Soil Environment on Insecticide Control by Niemczyk; and Winter Crown Hydration by Dr. John Roberts of the University of New Hampshire.

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