

Northeast

RUTGERS PLANS BANQUET

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The Seventh Annual Turfgrass Awards Banquet will be held this year on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Cook College Center here. This event is presented by the Cook College Office of Continuing Professional Education, Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association, New Jersey Turfgrass Association, and Center for Turfgrass Science at Cook College. The event will honor the 1996 graduates of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School, Advanced Golf Turf Symposium attendees, Cook College undergraduate and graduate scholarship recipients, and honorees in the turfgrass industry.

The event will begin with cocktails at 5 p.m., followed by dinner and awards presentation at 6 p.m. For information, or to register, write Cook College Office of Continuing Professional Education, P.O. Box 231, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903; 908-932-9271.

North Central

TURF EXPO IN PLACE

ST. CHARLES, Ill.— The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation (ITF) will host the North Central Turfgrass Exposition (NCTE), Dec. 3-5, at Pheasant Run Resort here. Pre-conference seminars will be offered Dec. 2.

The annual NCTE attracts over 1,600 participants and offers a full array of educational programs and a trade show. The conference is co-sponsored by the Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association, Illinois Landscape Contractors Association, Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, Northwestern Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association, Sod Growers Association of Mid-America, Sports Turf Managers Association's Midwest Chapter, Turf Equipment Technicians Association, USGA Green Section's Mid-Continent Region and the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

Educational sessions are geared specifically to the concerns and needs of sports turf and golf course personnel, lawn-care specialists, sod growers, and turf-equipment technicians.

Firms will display turf industry products for 19 hours; the expo

schedule is Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ITF will hold an awards luncheon, Wednesday, Dec. 4 at which the 1996 ITF Distinguished Service Award will be presented, along with scholarships for undergraduate study.

For information contact the ITF headquarters at 11 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, Ill. 60603; phone 312-201-0101.

Southeast

N.C. CONFERENCE TAKES SHAPE

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — "Striving To Thrive" is the theme of the 35th Annual Turfgrass Conference and Show co-sponsored by the Turfgrass Council of North Carolina (TCNA) at the Charlotte Convention Center here, Jan. 7-10.

Twelve hands-on workshops and two days of educational

sessions will target topics regarding golf, lawn and landscape care, grounds maintenance, pesticide training, irrigation, sod production and business management.

Dr. Mary Grodner, state pesticide coordinator for Louisiana State University will deliver the keynote speech. Charles Newling of Wetlands Science

Applications, Inc., and Barbara Beall of LA Group will present a seminar on Wetlands and Golf Courses, while Tom Detrick of Orkin Lawn Care will speak on High-powered Hiring — Tools of

Success.

More information is available from Marsha Richardson at the TCNA at 910-695-1333.

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