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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEW JERSEY RECREATION & PARKS ASSOC.

September 25 – Skatepark Risk Management Workshop - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Red Hill Activity Center, Middletown, NJ
 Contact: NJRPA at (732) 568-1270
 Registration: \$80.00 NJRPA member, \$100.00 non member

NEW JERSEY TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

December 10-12 - New Jersey Turf and Landscape Expo 2002, Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ. (Athletic Field Educational Sessions begin Wed., Dec. 11 from 4pm to 6pm. & Thurs. Dec. 12 from 10am to 3:30pm with annual SFMANJ meeting at 1pm, Thursday).

Rutgers Snyder Research & Extension Farm

Outreach Field Day in Cooperation with SFMANJ

October 10 – at Snyder Farm in Pittstown, NJ from 11:30am to 3:30pm. See Turfgrass demonstration plots, earn pesticide credits and discuss drought issues. Lunch included. Watch for registration forms in the mail soon or call with question at (908) 713-8980 (See page 4)
 Members \$15.00
 Non-Members \$25.00

“A Look at the Growth Cycle & Field Care of Grass Seed” by Mark Sellman, Simplot/Jacklin Seed

Planted in the spring, the seed is laid in narrow rows by a special grass seed drill. Normal irrigation and fertilization follows stand establishment. About 16 months following planting, the first crop is harvested. Subsequent harvests are possible every year thereafter until field age results in a yield decrease. A typical year in the cycle of a mature grass field is illustrated below:

1. IRRIGATION

Field irrigation of the seed begins in early April. The seed has now passed its winter dormancy and started its vertical growth. Irrigation continues through late June, when the seed matures.

2. WEED CONTROL

After establishment of the grass, weeds are sprayed with various chemicals to insure weed-free fields, producing high quality seed. Oftentimes fields are weeded by hand in the spring if a selected chemical is not available for successful weed control. If weed problems arise in mature fields, they are quickly solved by spring or fall herbicidal applications.

3. FIELD ROGUING

Rouging (the weeding out of foreign plants and inferior or diseased seed heads) continues from spring through early June. Continued on page 15.....