

# NEW JERSEY TURF EXPO DRAWS 700 IN SECOND YEAR

The second New Jersey Turf Expo, held recently at Sheraton Poste Inn, Cherry Hill, N.J., attracted a record attendance of more than 700 registrants. The event has combined the traditional well-known New Jersey Turfgrass Conference along with a trade show. It is co-sponsored by the Soils and Crops Department of Cook College of Rutgers University and the New Jersey Turfgrass Association.

The Educational Program organized by Dr. Ralph E. Engel, turfgrass research professor, Cook College — Rutgers University and assisted by Paul Boizelle, superintendent, Fiddler's Elbow Country club, Far Hills, New Jersey, got off to a very enthusiastic start in the first general session with a keynote address by Tom Mascaro of the Safe-T-Lawn Company on the topic

of the "Past, Present, and Future of Turfgrass". The following sessions included research reports on calcium arsenate induced Fusarium blight, fungicide studies on rhizoctonia, pythium, and stripe smut, biology and control of a new insect problem — *Ataenius spretulus*, minimum mowing and Kentucky bluegrass fertilization studies. Various panel discussions dealt with such subjects as nematodes, golf course tees, golfers viewpoint of turf, hot weather diseases, athletic fields, sod production and use, and home lawn problems. Other presentations included such topics as golf course construction, insecticide resistance in Japanese beetle grubs, hyperodes, excess water, and turfgrass nurseries. The concluding session on Thursday was devoted to training for state certification as

pesticide applicators. In addition, as a part of this training session, the official state test for certification was administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to more than 150 of the registrants enrolled in the training session.

Interspersed between the education sessions were periods of opportunity to attend the trade show. A wide range of turfgrass equipment and products were displayed by the participating exhibitors thereby providing the registrants an opportunity to observe and discuss his needs as well as new equipment that is becoming available for better and more efficient turfgrass culture and management.

The banquet program on Wednesday evening attended by more than 450 registrants, featured



1976 Officers and Board of Directors of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association: front row: (left to right) Paul Boizelle, Superintendent, Fiddler's Elbow Country Club, vice president; Bert Jones, vice president, Andrew Wilson Co., president; William Ritchie, Morris County Park Commission, treasurer; Dr. Ralph E. Engel, research professor, turfgrass management, Cook College — Rutgers University, secretary. second row: (left to right) Fred Eden, N. J. Irrigation Co.; Chuck Wilson, Leisure

Technology Corp.; Edgar Krause, Fairmount Cemetery Assoc.; Roy Bossolt, Terre Co., past president. third row: (left to right) Dr. Henry W. Indyk, extension specialist in turfgrass management, Cook College — Rutgers University, general chairman, New Jersey Turfgrass Expo; Peter Loft, Loft Seed Co., immediate past president; Jack Wittppenn, Rockland Chemical Co., and Dave Buchholz, Glen Summit Nurseries. Absent when photo was taken, Frank Cacavio.

awards and a guest speaker. Peter Loft of Loft Seed Company, the outgoing president of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association, presented the Kilmer Oak gavel as a symbol of the office to Bert Jones, Andrew Wilson Company, the newly elected president for 1976. President Jones, also acting as emcee presented Loft with a plaque in behalf of the association in appreciation for his services to the organization.

Highlighting the awards was the presentation of a \$500 scholarship designated as the New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame James Smith, Sr. Scholarship and the New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame Award for 1975. The scholarship was presented by Mr. James Smith, Sr. (developer of Fertl-Soil topdressing mixture) to Steve Cosky, who is a senior student at Cook College — Rutgers University, majoring in turfgrass management. Steve plans to pursue his turfgrass interests in graduate school. Mr. Smith, as the recipient of the

first New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame Award initiated in 1974, was given the honor of making the scholarship presentation. At the age of 87, Mr. Smith is still very active serving as president of a bank.

The New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame Award for 1975 was presented to Dr. Howard B. Sprague in appreciation and recognition of his many contributions for the advancement of turf during his long, devoted, and illustrious career in agriculture. The award was presented by Mr. Roy Bossolt of Terre Company, who is a past president of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association. In his so-called retirement, Dr. Sprague continues to be very active serving international agriculture as an agricultural consultant.

The banquet activities were concluded with a presentation by the guest speaker, Fred McClure. McClure, a junior student majoring

in ag economics at Texas A & M University, captivated the audience with his presentation entitled "America's Plan For The Future". Commenting on McClure's banquet address, Dr. Henry W. Indyk, who served as general chairman of New Jersey Turfgrass Expo, stated that the general theme of his presentation, "getting it all together", very appropriately described what New Jersey Turfgrass Expo hopes to achieve. The turfgrass industry consists of various facets with different but also at the same time common interests. All too often, turfgrass conferences are strongly oriented toward a specific interest group. A major objective of New Jersey Turfgrass Expo is to improve and advance the turfgrass industry by providing an opportunity for all facets of the industry to meet together, not only to discuss mutual problems and concerns, but also to become increasingly aware of problems specific for a particular facet of the industry. □



*Dr. Ralph E. Engel, research professor in turfgrass management at Cook College Rutgers University, who was chairman of the educational sessions at the New Jersey Turf Expo held recently.*



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