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## Cornell Turfgrass Short Course Sessions for 1999

As announced in previous issues of *CUTT*, your Cornell Turfgrass team will be altering the traditional schedule of Short Course sessions to address the needs of our short course alumni, growing industry trends in specialized golf and sports turf areas, and to offer advanced training to established professionals toward certification.

The January Short Course will now be offered in two one-week sessions, starting Monday January 4th through Friday, January 8, 1999 with the Sports Turf Short Course addressing topics in athletic field design, construction, maintenance, and renovation. In addition, roundtable discussions will be held on communicating with coaches, presenting and justifying your budget, and addressing concerns over pesticide use.

The second week of the Short Course, from January 11 through January 15, 1999 will be focused on Golf Turf Management, offering advanced topics in design and construction, golf turf soil and nutrient management, innovative pest management programs less reliant on pesticides, and annual bluegrass management issues. Specific topic development will involve creation of curriculum teams that will include industry leaders, extension educators, and the Cornell Turfgrass Team. The Golf Turf Short Course will offer over 3 "tested" CEU's for our GCSAA Certified Superintendents. This amount of "tested" CEU's has traditionally been available only at GCSAA seminars, and generally requires 2 to 3 trips to the national conference!

Finally, for the third year of our commitment to the green industry on Long Island, we will be offering the Cornell Turfgrass Short Course on Long Island from February 15 through February 26, 1999. This is the traditional two week course for industry professionals that addresses the broader areas of turf management, with particular breakout sessions on golf, sports, and landscape management. Of course, the valuable hands-on laboratory sessions will be offered for students to identify grasses, weeds, and insects, understand soil physical properties, and learn equipment calibration.

If you'd like more information on the Short Course sessions for 1999, contact Joann Gruttadaurio, Director of Educational Programs for the Cornell Turfgrass Team, at (607) 255-1792.

## NYSTA Sponsors Sports Turf Management Sessions

The New York State Turfgrass Association in partnership with the Cornell Turfgrass Program will be offering two "field training" sessions on sports turf management, to address the growing need of scholastic and municipal grounds and sports turf managers. These sessions are scheduled for Friday, July 24 at Frontier Field in Rochester, NY and Tuesday, October 6 at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, NY.

The hands-on oriented sessions will be offered on site assessment to solve existing problems, sports turf IPM, spreader calibration, in-field skin care, and sports turf soil management. Session leaders include Kevin Trotta from the North Rockland Schools, Jim Hornung from

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*Al Dungey, stadium manager, leading a field training session at Frontier Field in Rochester, NY.*

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NorthAmeriCare Park, John LiBurd from the Town of Colonie, Brian Eshenaur of Cooperative Extension, Dominic Morales of SUNY Delhi, and Bob Emmons of SUNY Cobleskill. At each location, the Stadium Manager will be giving attendees an inside look at the workings of a high profile sports turf facility.

If you'd like more information on the Winning Fields programs, contact the NYSTA office at (800) 873-8873.

## Golf Turf Field Day '98

The excitement continues to build here at the Cornell Turfgrass Research and Education Center and the adjacent Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University in anticipation of the 1998 Golf Turf Field Day. The Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday August 18, 1998 from 9 AM to 4 PM. This year your Turfgrass Team will be highlighting our research on golf turf issues such as: understanding the new generation of insecticides; establishing and trafficking the new bentgrasses; evaluating the biocontrol aspects of the bioject; integrating biological and traditional disease control methods; and determining the fate of pesticides at establishment. Plus, as an added attraction, we will be walking the front nine of the Cornell golf course discussing the current research being conducted under golf course conditions, specifically: evaluating biocontrol products for disease control, annual bluegrass exclusion programs, managing tees under shaded conditions, and managing people when the heat is on.

To make your day a more enjoyable one, we are currently working with several motor coach companies and industry representatives to sponsor "bus trips" to the Field Day. Sit back and relax while you travel through beautiful upstate NY, arriving relaxed to learn the latest in golf turf management. If you'd like more information about attending or sponsoring a bus, call the Turfgrass Team at (607) 255-3090.

## The New York State Turf and Grounds Exposition for 1998

The New York State Turfgrass Association in partnership with your Cornell Turfgrass Team is proud to announce that the final plans are set for the 1998 Turf and Grounds Exposition. Once again, the Exposition will be held in Syracuse, NY from November 10 through 13, 1998. NYSTA is pulling out all the stops to provide you

with the latest educational opportunities in turf and grounds management, bringing in leaders from around the world to speak on topics in golf turf, sports turf, lawn and landscape, and grounds management.

Some of the highlights this year include presentations by Jim Moore, the Director of Construction Education for the United States Golf Association; our own Marty Petrovic on golf turf soil management; Andy McNitt from Penn State University speaking on the latest in sports turf design, construction and management for safety; Mary Hirshfeld from the Cornell Plantations on selecting perennials and ornamental grasses; Dr. Mike Raupp from the University of Maryland on insect management in the landscape; our own George Hudler reviewing the year in trees; and as a special treat, the horticulturists at Hershey Park in Hershey, PA will be providing insight into the various horticulture issues at a high profile facility.

The keynote speaker, Jim Tunney, a retired NFL referee is making a return visit to the Exposition this year following his wildly successful motivational talk at the 1994 show. He will likely provide many useful tips for living, as well as some enjoyable stories from the professional playing field. Of all the speakers NYSTA has had to "kick-off" the Exposition, Jim remains one of our favorites.

If you'd like more information on the 1998 Exposition contact the NYSTA office at (800) 873-TURF (8873).

## An Apology

Due to the illness of some staff and various other problems that generally fall under the heading of Murphy's Law, we apologize for the lateness of this summer issue of *CUTT*. Though we try to have the newsletter to you at the beginning of each season, sometimes we are foiled. Look for the fall issue quick on the heels of this one.

## The El Niño Connection

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diseases that could appear at any time as we continue to experience drastic fluctuations in air and soil temperatures. Should problems arise that you are unable to identify, our turfgrass team of diagnosticians at the Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory are available to answer your questions and look at your samples.

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