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Fore! Golf Course Management Survey

Over the next few weeks, the turfgrass program at Cornell University will be hitting the links! However, rather than recovering from the sand and creating divots in your fairways, the Cornell team may be aiming for your participation in a study being conducted throughout New England and the tri-state area. Cosponsored by the New York State DEC, the fact-finding project seeks to identify current trends within the industry.

The internet and mail based questionnaire requires about one hour of time to complete and examines how golf courses and associated management practices have evolved to relate to their surrounding environments and to provide a better understanding about the relationship they maintain with surface and ground water bodies. Although some questions are asked about how pesticides are handled, this study is not concerned with pesticide use or the amounts they are used in. Roughly 600 golf courses will be contacted with a letter requesting participation. If selected, your commitment of time and information would be invaluable to providing an accurate projection about how golf course management practices are aligned to meet the challenges of future.

Managing our Natural Resources: The 2000 NYSTA Conference

The program is set for the New York State Turfgrass and Grounds Exposition scheduled for November 14 through 16, 2000 in Syracuse, NY. The theme for the 2000 conference continues NYSTA's commitment to environmental excellence: "Managing our Natural Resources."

Sessions consistent with this theme will include several basic and advanced topics on soils, water, fertilization, and wildlife management. In addition, as leaders in the area of sports turf education, we will be providing sessions on managing high traffic areas, core cultivation, and using the latest products on the market based on the science. As usual, the golf turf program continues to explore cutting edge research on environmental stress and how to identify and manage diseases such as gray leaf spot and bentgrass deadspot.

Right in the middle of the conference is the early bird session highlighting the latest research currently underway at Cornell on moss control, pesticide fate, dollar spot biology, and insect killing nematodes. The Tuesday Seminars will include grass and weed identification, as well as basic aspects of turf soil management, to help you get back to basics. As technology continues to enter the market, client expectations increase, and regulations limit our options; education is the key to maintaining a successful profession.

See you in Syracuse!

Governor's Pollution Prevention Award Goes to Colonial Acres Golf Course

Governor George E. Pataki announced that five organizations have won the 2000 Governor's Awards for Pollution Prevention for their outstanding environmental protection efforts through pollution prevention. Among the winners was Colonial Acres Golf Course in Glenmont, Albany County, and its golf course superintendent Pat Blum.

Colonial Acres Golf Course, established in 1964, is a privately owned nine-hole golf course. With 33 acres of property, of which 13 are woodlands or water areas, Colonial Acres has been a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary since 1998. Working with Audubon International, Colonial Acres has been using organic and biological products for the control of pests to reduce the amount of synthetic pesticides and petroleum-based products on its fairways and greens.

"Each year, more and more New York businesses are embracing pollution prevention as a successful way of protecting the environment while increasing economic benefits and maintaining product quality," Governor Pataki said. "Colonial Acres has gone beyond regulatory requirements to make intelligent investments that are helping to identify and reduce pollution at its source, resulting in cleaner air, land and water for all New Yorkers."

The 7th Annual Governor's Awards for Pollution Prevention were presented by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Deputy Commissioner Carl Johnson at the 13th Annual Pollution Prevention Con-

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ference in Syracuse, which is conducted by DEC's Pollution Prevention Unit.

The Governor's Awards recognize pollution prevention practices that exceed the legal requirements of environmental protection and successfully reduce or eliminate the generation of pollution at its source. The awards are given each year to organizations representing small, midsize and large businesses; federal, state and local governments and educational institutions; and trade associations or other business and industry groups.

Applications for the awards were judged by a panel from business, environmental and government organizations. Criteria included a project's success at reducing toxic and hazardous pollution, as well as the overall environmental record of the applicant, the economic benefits of the project, the extent of employee participation, management commitment, and the applicability of the project to others.

"Overall releases of pollutants in New York State have decreased dramatically over the last decade as businesses and organizations continue to recognize the benefits of pollution prevention," Commissioner Cahill said. "The Governor's Awards for Pollution Prevention and the Annual Pollution Prevention Conference play a vital role in this process by bringing together the field's best minds to share ideas and successes."



The 2001 Short Course Season is Set

The Cornell Turfgrass Short Courses are set for the 2001 educational season. This year we will offer the original course in a one week format at Cornell and in Westchester County, as well as the Advanced Seminar Series at Cornell. The Original Turfgrass Management Short Course is scheduled for January 8 through 12, 2001 on the Cornell campus. This course will be filled with lectures and the hands-on learning you've come to expect from the Cornell Turf Team. This course offers everything a turfgrass professional needs to know to get started or refresh their education with the latest research based information.

The week of January 15 through 19 is the Short Course Advanced Seminar Series. This series will offer individual full day seminars on topics such as soil management (1/15), nutrient management (1/16), water management (1/17), and pest management (1/18). The full day seminars can be attended individually or as a full week training session and will build on the basics established in the Original Short Course. The Advanced Series will be ideal for lawn and landscape, golf course and sports turf managers who are looking for the latest research-based information that may change the way you manage your turf.

Finally, 2001 marks the fifth year we have offered the Short Course "on the road." During the first three years we trained over 150 professionals on Long Island; our first year in the Hudson Valley in 2000 was a resounding success. This year we are moving south again to Westchester County, sponsored in part by the New York Turfgrass and Landscape Association and Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations in the Hudson Valley. We will be "on the road" the week of February 19-23.

If you'd like information on any of these courses, contact our Director of Turfgrass Education, Joann Gruttadaurio, at (607) 255-1792 or jg17@cornell.edu, or return the coupon on page 16.

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The Cornell Turfgrass Short Courses are coming:

- *Original Turfgrass Management Short Course, Jan. 8-12, 2001, Ithaca*
- *Short Course Advanced Seminar Series, Jan. 15-19, 2001, Ithaca*
- *Turfgrass Management Short Course "On the Road", Feb. 19-23, 2001, Hudson Valley*