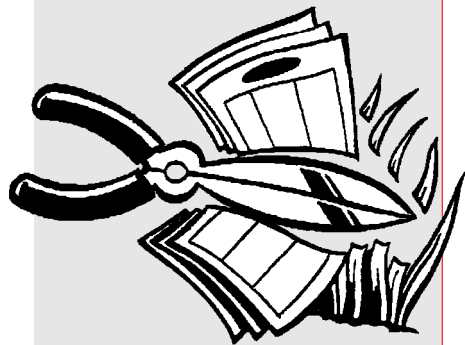


## Clippings

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### Soil Insect Ecology Position Offered

On May 15, 2002 we marked the one year passing of our friend and colleague Mike Villani. The loss of Mike forces us to pause and reflect not only on his friendship, but also his contributions to the Cornell Turfgrass Team. Clearly, Mike would want us to move forward. We are pleased to announce that the search for a scientist to continue the work in soil insect ecology is completed and an offer has been made to a highly qualified candidate.

We look forward to recapturing this vital capacity for our turf team. However, in the interim period, Paul Robbins and Nancy Consolie need to be recognized for their outstanding commitment to continuing the work initiated under Mike's leadership. Not only have they been able to continue active projects, a few new ones have been initiated. Paul and Nancy exhibited friendship, commitment and dedication under the most difficult of circumstances. Their expertise and willingness to share information will help our new soil insect ecologist to be successful. Also, your contributions to the Mike Villani Graduate Student Fund will help support a student working with our new scientist (see information in enclosed box below).

### Villani Fund Established

The passing of Mike Villani has resonated around the world in the scientific community, as well as locally, as we grapple with the loss of our friend. The loss of a man as selfless and giving as Mike is difficult to honor in a way that would be worthy. This is why prior to Mike's death he assisted with setting up a Memorial Fund. *The Mike Villani Graduate Student Research Fund in Entomology* will be awarded to a deserving graduate student in entomology at the Geneva Station.

Donations can be made to *The Mike Villani Graduate Student Research Fund in Entomology*. Checks should be made payable to Cornell University and mailed to the Mike Villani Fund, Cornell University, Development Office, 272 Roberts Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853.

### Cornell Turfgrass Field Day 2003

The 2002 season is the off-year of the Cornell Turfgrass Field Day. Next year the Field Day returns on Tuesday June 17, 2003. To make it easier to attend we asked industry leaders when was the best time. Many indicated returning to June would allow more participants to enjoy the internationally recognized research under way in Ithaca.

The research continues to expand in golf turf management and new projects have been initiated in lawn and sports turf. Studies include understanding organic-based products and management, managing high traffic areas, and demonstration projects underway on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell.

Mark your calendar now for an exciting day in Ithaca. For more information contact Joann Gruttadaurio, Director of Turfgrass Education (607) 255-1792 or [jg17@cornell.edu](mailto:jg17@cornell.edu).

### Cornell Short Course 2003

The Cornell Turfgrass Education Program continues to provide an excellent foundation of turfgrass programming in 2003. For professionals entering the industry, key employees or experienced professionals who want a refresher, the Cornell Turfgrass Management Short Course is scheduled for January 6-11 2003 in Ithaca, NY. The week long course has been structured to meet the requirements for 30 hour pesticide certification. This course is the original hands-on training mixed with lecture and laboratory learning. Graduates of this course always seem to improve their employment status, enjoy learning more about turfgrass science and network with industry leaders.

The short course road season will include returning to Long Island and our first visit to Western NY. The course offered at the remote locations will focus on an Organic Approach to Turfgrass Management. Specifically this week long course will offer organic approaches to soil modification and establishment as well reviewing product performance of the latest in biological control and organic fertilizers.

For more information on these exciting educational opportunities, contact Joann Gruttadaurio, Director of Turfgrass Education (607) 255-1792 or [jg17@cornell.edu](mailto:jg17@cornell.edu).