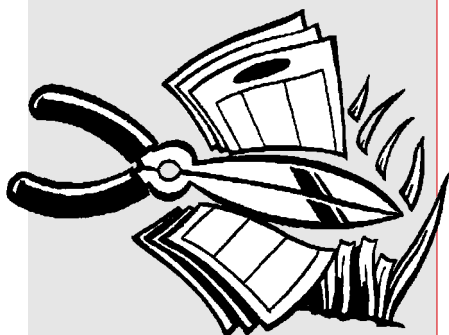


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Meredith Wins Toma Award

Kevin Meredith of the National Soccer Hall of Fame received the George Toma Golden Rake Award from the Sports Turf Manager's Association (STMA), which acknowledges an individual's strong work ethic and job performance.

The George Toma Golden Rake Award was named for one of STMA's Founders, Mr. George Toma, whose work with the National Football League on Super Bowl field preparation has made him a legend. The recipient of this award is someone who is on that quest to reach his goals and is demonstrating the "and then some" spirit which is so much a part of Mr. Toma's approach to sports turf management.

Meredith is the Sports Turf Manager at the National Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, NY, a position he has held for the past 14 years. His knowledge, expertise and dedication have been invaluable in the development of the Hall of Fame. In 2000, he won the STMA Soccer Field of the Year for a municipality. He volunteers for many organizations, including the Oneonta school system and Otsego County as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor and has been a credentialed alcoholism counselor for six years.

Meredith founded a local airplane club and the regional Leather Stocking EEA, and was an aerographer (weatherman) in the Navy. He is a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and has designed and built a par 3 golf course. He holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Oneonta.



Sliwa Selected for USGA Internship

Andrew Sliwa was selected by the USGA to participate in an internship with USGA Northeast Agronomist. Andy is in his senior year at Cornell University studying horticulture with a concentration in turfgrass management under the supervision of Dr. Frank Rossi. Sliwa was selected from a highly competitive field of applicants to be part of this exciting program.

Andy is Captain of the Cornell Golf Team and has been playing the game of golf since the age of three. He has worked at the Turfgrass Research Center at Cornell, as well as the Links at Hiawatha Landing, Card Sound Country Club, and this summer at Westchester Country Club in New York.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 1, 2006

2006 Turfgrass Advocacy/NYSTA's Lobby Day
Empire State Plaza, Albany NY
Info: NYSTA (518) 783-1229 or (800) 873-8873

February 27, 2006

Southeast Regional Conference
Holiday Inn Suffern, Suffern NY
Info: NYSTA (518) 783-1229 or (800) 873-8873

March 6, 2006

Western Regional Conference
Buffalo/Niagara Marriott, Amherst NY
Info: NYSTA (518) 783-1229 or (800) 873-8873

March 30, 2006

Adirondack Regional Conference
Lake Placid Resort, Holiday Inn, Lake Placid NY
Info: NYSTA (518) 783-1229 or (800) 873-8873