

recordkeeping. "It keeps your mind sharp, helping you think through alternate solutions to typical problems instead of falling back on the tried and true," Wilson said.

Just as essential is scouting - monitoring greens and fairways for insect, weed, and plant disease pests. "Scouting can be as low-tech as flushing insects from the turf with a lemon soap solution, or as high tech as looking at root pieces through a microscope to precisely identify a disease," said Kathie Wegman, Bethpage's IPM specialist. "We find out where the hot spots are and treat them, which lessens or even eliminates the need to spray."

Linehan Receives NYSNLA 2009 CNLP of the Year Award

David Linehan, Jim Girard Landscape Maintenance Corp., received the New York State Nursery and Landscape Association and Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional Program CNLP of the Year Award. The award is given to an individual who has made outstanding and unselfish contributions to the nursery and landscape industry in the State of New York.



Dave has been a CNLP for 27 consecutive years and became a Lifetime CNLP in 2007. For many years, Dave has kept NYSTA members informed on the urgent matters that affect their businesses by providing detailed legislative reports. He received the NYSTA Citation of Merit award in 2002. He has also served as Chair of the NYSNLA's Legislative Committee.

The CNLP of the Year award was presented at the 2009 New York State Fair in Syracuse at an opening day ceremony held Thursday, August 27, 2009 in the Court of Honor.

But can steeply cutting pesticide use really produce satisfactory play? "Surveys consistently show high golfer satisfaction with IPM-managed greens at Bethpage," said Frank Rossi, professor and turf specialist at Cornell University. "This has been a monumental project, both in scope and impact."

Catalano, Currier, Wilson and Wegman received their award on behalf of all their colleagues on August 12, 2009 at the Cornell University Turfgrass Field Day at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, NY. To learn more about IPM, go to www.nysipm.cornell.edu.

Mary M. Woodsen

Trotta Receives Environmental Quality Award

Global Sports Alliance-New York team captain, Kevin Trotta, has been honored with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Quality Award, the highest regional recognition the Agency presents to the public. In honor of Earth Day, the US EPA recognizes individuals and organizations who have dedicated time and energy to "protecting and enhancing environmental quality" in EPA Region 2, which includes New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and seven federally recognized Indian Nations.

Kevin was selected for his efforts in promoting environmental awareness and action in the world of sports and recreation. Projects have included local, regional and national initiatives to link sports-related activities with environmental stewardship and to introduce and advance GSA's Ecoflag campaign.

"I am honored that the EPA has recognized the work of GSA-New York," said Trotta. "and honored also to be an Ecoflag ambassador and member of the GSA family of environmental champions around the world."



Pictured from left to right are environmental advocate Majora Carter, Kevin Trotta and EPA Administrator George Pavlou.

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