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Autumn Brings Welcome Change

Ahhhhh, autumn . . . my favorite time of year. It's when the sound of water blasting out of our syringe hoses is replaced by the gentle hum of leaf blowers and the sweet smell of 2-cycle engine oil. I always eagerly await those cool mornings, brilliant autumn colors, and the much-needed relief for both our turf and our crews. Football, hockey, and baseball playoffs are in full swing. And it's the best time of year to play golf—especially this year.

When you get a chance to take a break from the relentless season that we have just endured, it feels great to take in some of these activities, take a deep breath, and get fired up for the remainder of the season. That's what I've been doing.

Assistants, Take Heart!

The rigors of this past season took a toll on not only our turf, but also our staff members, particularly our assistant superintendents. The exhaustion and frustration levels were at an all-time high by the end of September. I could see it on everyone's faces.

Though we did, finally, catch a bit of a break when we got some much-needed rain in September, this had to be one of the most grinding seasons on record.

I know some of what I'm saying here will be redundant to those who played in the Assistants Championship at Brae Burn, because I talked about it there. But I wanted to bring it up again, now, for those who didn't attend the event and to emphasize to those who did that *"the business really isn't always this tough."*

Whether you are fresh out of college or a seasoned assistant, you have to look on this past spring and summer as a learning experience. Don't let it dissuade you from your goal of becoming a superintendent. Not every season is like this past one. But the next time something like this does happen—and it probably will one day—you can reflect on how you handled the 2015 season, and you'll be well equipped to get through it.



**Glen Dube, CGCS
MetGCSA President**

As assistants, you guys are the unsung heroes of our operation. We wouldn't be able to get through difficult seasons like the one we just had without your support. I know I certainly appreciate all the hard work and dedication my assistants gave this year—and give every year. Kudos to my staff and all the assistants out there!

Season-ending Fall Events

As I said earlier, autumn is great time to play golf. All of our fall events were well attended, and the golf courses were in fantastic condition. Thank you to Larry Pakkala for hosting the Nine and Dine at the 'Mine; to Dave Peterson, Bobby Jewett, and Blake Halderman for hosting the Assistants Championship at Brae Burn; to John Carlone for hosting the three-in-one event, the Met Championship, Met Area Team Championship Qualifier, and Poa Annual at Meadow Brook; and to Tom Ashfield at Quaker Ridge Golf Club for hosting the Met Area Team Championship.

I attended every one of these events and had a blast playing golf, meeting new people, and catching up with friends I hadn't seen in a long while. Good luck with the rest of the season, and I hope to see you at our annual holiday party at The Stanwich Club—always a festive and fun event!

**Glen Dube, CGCS
President**



Rockland's
Matt Ceplo to Be
Honored as
MetGCSA's 17th
Sherwood A.
Moore Award
Winner

by Bob Nielsen, CGCS

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four January 13 Winter Seminar, Rockland Country Club Superintendent Matt Ceplo will receive the MetGCSA's highest honor awarded to a superintendent: its coveted Sherwood A. Moore Award. Reserved for those who have "advanced the image, status, and reputation of the golf course superintendent," the award began nearly 30 years ago with its first recipient and namesake, Sherwood A. Moore.

When Sherwood wrote decades ago, "A superintendent must be a man of integrity, the trusted custodian of valuable club property. He must be tactful, diplomatic, and have a sense of humor," he was unaware that he was describing our 17th winner of the very award he, himself, would receive in 1987.

Matt has been not only an exemplary golf course superintendent, but also a dedicated advocate for the industry and profession.

"I cannot think of a more deserving recipient than Matt Ceplo for this year's Sherwood A. Moore Award," says Awards Committee Chairman Blake Halderman. "Matt has given tirelessly to our industry—working diligently and without great fanfare to pave the way for the future and ensure that the next generation can continue to enjoy our great profession, just as we have.

"Matt is someone who cares deeply about the environment and what it means to advance the reputation of the golf course superintendent within our communities. I am so proud to have served under Matt and to be able to call him a friend. We all need friends like Matt who are always willing to go the extra mile to keep our industry vibrant and strong," says Blake.

"When I first heard that I was named the Met's next SAM Award winner, I was surprised," says Matt. "I'm on the Awards Committee, and I had no idea we were planning to recognize anyone with the SAM Award this year. It's not awarded annually, and we hadn't selected anyone for the past few years. But when I was asked to excuse myself from the beginning of the meeting, I suspected something was up! I am honored

and couldn't be more pleased to join the ranks of past Sherwood A. Moore Award winners. To be thought of in such a way by my peers is truly special."

A Selfless Contributor

Matt has always been the person who gives back more than he could possibly receive from our association and profession. In his nearly three decades as a superintendent, he has selflessly committed to serving the industry... as a committee member, a board member, and ultimately, a leader of two industry organizations.

Becoming a certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) more than 20 years ago, Matt has been a GCSAA member since 1986, serving on the Environmental Profile Task Group for the past two years and on the Environmental Programs Committee for two years prior to that. Matt has been a regular at the GCSAA Conference & Show, where on numerous occasions he's shared his expertise with fellow conference-goers as a session speaker.

Matt currently serves as a Grassroots Ambassador, helping GCSAA advocate our industry's various positions and issues, such as WOTUS, to local representatives. Back in August, Matt spent an afternoon with Susan Spear, Hudson Valley regional director, Office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (NY). "Ms. Spear was a real trooper," says Matt. "It was a very hot day—well into the 90s—and she hung in there, showing genuine interest as I pointed out the environmental benefits of golf and highlighted our BMPs for New York State Golf Courses.

Like every SAM Award winner before him, Matt has worked long and hard to continue the work of his predecessors in elevating the profession and industry on a local level. Serving on the MetGCSA Board of Directors for more than 20 years, Matt moved through the chairs to become our association's 28th president in 2007. In that time, he has hosted numerous Met meetings and offered his expertise on numerous committees. A longtime contributor to the *Tee to Green*, Matt is currently serving on the

Communications Committee, as well as the association's Awards, Club Relations, and Long-Range Planning & Steering committees, and the Nominating Committee, which Matt chairs. Once a contributor, always a contributor.

It was Larry Pakkala, now superintendent at Silvermine Golf Club, who appointed Matt to the Met board back in 1990, just three years after he had joined the association. Matt fondly remembers the camaraderie among Met members during those years.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board," says Matt. "I learned so much from so many people over the years. That's, no doubt, why I find it very easy—and rewarding—advocating on behalf of our association and industry."

Will Heintz, now superintendent at Pound Ridge Golf Club, has fond memories of Matt's term on the board—particularly when Will was at the helm as president with Matt serving alongside him as VP.

"I always remember Matt sitting at the board meetings calmly taking in everything other board members were saying," says Will. "When he finally did speak, he would articulate his thoughts in such a way that no one could be offended, even when he was opposing someone's view. He was the most courteous individual on the board and only had the greater good of the association in mind," adds Will.

Rockrimmon's Tony Girardi, who then served as vice president to Matt, echoes similar sentiments: "Matt was the calming influence on the board, even when there was intense debate. He was concerned only with the big picture and didn't get involved with the minutia. He was a deep thinker and spoke only after careful consideration. He was another E.F. Hutton!"

Examples of Matt's cool, calm, and collected demeanor were recounted over and over. Somerset County Park's Darrell Marcinek, a former assistant of Matt's, remembers one evening when he decided to spray Dursban on a few greens to get ahead of play the next morning. "One of them was the putting green near the clubhouse," says

Darrell. "The club was open for dinner and, of course, the air temperatures happened to be cool enough to have the windows open. Matt didn't lose his cool. He never raised his voice. When he confronted me about it, he just calmly suggested that the putting green be left for morning sprays."

Both Darrell and another of Matt's former assistants, Peter Waterous, who assumed the helm at Westchester Hills, remember Matt as the kind of guy who always went out of his way to make you feel comfortable and appreciated. "He was always willing to share his knowledge and expertise," says Darrell.

In addition to the MetGCSA, Matt is an active member of the Hudson Valley GCSA, New Jersey GCSA, NJTA, and NYSTA.

So thoroughly committed to the profession and the industry's professional organizations, Matt extended his service to two other organizations he feels particularly passionate about: the Tri-State Turf Research Foundation and Audubon International.

Matt has served on the Tri-State Turf Research Foundation board, moving his way up the chairs to his current position as president. In 2014, he welcomed the opportunity to serve on yet another board near and dear to him: the Audubon International.

Among Matt's proudest achievements was guiding his club in becoming a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 2001. "That process opened my eyes to the tremendous potential golf course superintendents have to become highly regarded stewards of the environment," says Matt.

Currently serving as Audubon International's treasurer, Matt is wholly committed to Audubon's environmental efforts. "I believe Audubon International will continue to be an industry leader for many years to come," he says.

"I'm concerned about the welfare of our industry," says Matt, to explain, in part, his commitment to supporting both Audubon and the Tri-State, which promote ongoing research, as well as programs designed to help area superintendents find environmentally safe practices and controls for our golf courses. "We should all be looking for opportunities to represent ourselves and our golf courses in the community as stewards of the environment," adds Matt.

Environmentally Minded

There is truly no one more astute about environmental efforts than Matt Ceplo. During his tenure at Rockland Country Club, Matt has instituted a number of environmentally friendly programs and practices on the golf course, which have earned him noteworthy recognition.

In 2012, Rockland Country Club won the sixth annual Arthur P. Weber MGA Club Environmental Leaders in Golf Award. And in 2013, Matt was honored with GCSAA's prestigious President's Award for Environmental Stewardship. If you missed that acceptance speech, you missed one of the most heartfelt speeches you will ever hear from a superintendent about the environment. Matt doesn't just preach environmen-

tal stewardship, he practices it!

Both Matt and his club subscribe wholeheartedly to the Audubon approach to course management. "Our members think our environmental successes are terrific," says Matt, "and they encourage and support all of our efforts 100 percent."

An advocate of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Matt worked to transform about 20 acres of property into native plant areas, avoiding pesticide or water use in those areas. "We've also put up some blue-bird houses," says Matt, "and I organize an annual bird-watching event where people come and observe 40 to 50 species of birds."

Also noteworthy is Matt's involvement with the surrounding community: "We invite the Biology Department from St. Thomas Aquinas College, which is just up the road, to come and take water samples and use them in their classrooms. We also invite local Girl Scout and Cub Scout groups to come and catch butterflies and learn about our wildflowers," says Matt, whose efforts have earned him the well-deserved distinction of a true steward of the environment.

Matt's dedication to the environment has also sparked involvement with local government. He is currently the chair of the Rockland County Water Quality Committee and was instrumental in rewriting the drought codes for the county. In addition, he is a member of the Rockland Water Task Force for the county's Conservation Committee.



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-Tony Girardi

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-Matt Ceplo

Around town, Matt is a member of the Sparkill Creek Watershed Alliance and also serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Westwood, where he currently lives.

A Leader in the Making

With Matt's devotion to the industry so clear, it's no surprise that he was long immersed in the business. Though he was born in Westwood, NJ, coincidentally about nine miles from Rockland Country Club, he spent his formative years in Afton, NY, near Binghamton, where his parents owned a public, 18-hole golf course: the Afton Golf Club. This is where Matt first learned to love the game and the profession.

“I am blessed to have great parents,” says Matt. “My father basically took care of the course, and my mother ran the inside operation. “With the help of my seven siblings,” adds Matt, “we had the whole thing covered.”

Following a track you might expect, Matt pursued formal industry training after high school, receiving an Associate's from SUNY-Delhi in Horticulture in 1979. His first job outside of the family golf course was at Kutcher's Golf Course in Monticello, NY, where he worked for then Superintendent John Rizza as a full-time crew member.

Matt went on to hone his skills as an assistant at Ridgewood Country Club in New Jersey, under then superintendent and long-time industry veteran Ed Walsh. After just four years with Ed, Matt got his first crack at a superintendent's position at Westchester Hills Country Club. It was at this point that Matt, sporting a 4 handicap, also became a force to be reckoned with at MetGCSA golf meetings! Matt explains that it was a time when he and his wife, Jasmine, who were married then just one year, had no kids, which meant Matt had a bit more freedom to practice his game. And he did, most nights. “Priorities changed once kids entered the picture,” says Matt.

After eight seasons at Westchester Hills, Matt accepted his current position at Rock-

land Country Club in Sparkill, NY, where he has been the superintendent since 1995.

By that time, Matt and Jasmine, who have just celebrated their 30th anniversary, had two daughters, Alison and Megan, now grown and gainfully employed in their fields of study.

Explains Matt, “Megan is working for Takasago International, where she puts her culinary degree to work testing and creating flavorful snacks, and Ally, a fashion design major, is working in children's fashion design for Mix Apparel out of Australia.

“Jasmine and I couldn't be more pleased that they've put their degrees to work,” adds Matt, noting that he is also thankful to his club and family for supporting his choice to participate in numerous industry activities.

“Matt is truly the epitome of a professional, forward-thinking golf course management professional,” says Blake. “His commitment to environmental stewardship and creating exemplary golf course conditions have played a significant role in the advancement of the status and reputation of the golf course superintendent.”

“Initiating environmentally astute programs and practices, I believe, is where the future of the green industry is heading,” says Matt. “I will always advocate on behalf of superintendents everywhere,” says Matt. “And I will continue to promote and educate our communities about the many programs and practices golf course superintendents are initiating to protect and enhance our environment—on our golf courses and in our communities.

“Like previous Sherwood A. Moore Award winners,” continues Matt, “I hope to be remembered as someone who was committed to seeking new ways to strengthen our profession and our standing in the industry.”

Please be sure to join fellow members in honoring Matt at our Winter Seminar Awards Luncheon on January 13!

Bob Nielsen, a past MetGCSA president and member of the Tee to Green Editorial Committee, is superintendent of Bedford Golf & Tennis Club in Bedford, NY.

Member News

New Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new MetGCSA members:

- **Matthew Carter**, Class C, Round Hill Club, Greenwich, CT
- **Dan Golding**, Class C, Sunningdale Country Club, Scarsdale, NY
- **Chris Hurley**, Class C, Pelham Country Club, Pelham Manor, NY
- **Bobby Jewett**, Class C, Brae Burn Country Club, Purchase, NY
- **Matt Kerrens**, Class C, Paramount Country Club, New City, NY
- **Johnathan Wilber**, Class AS, Myopia Hunt Club, South Hamilton, MA

Members on the Move

- **Derek Baxter**, formerly an assistant superintendent at Paramount Country Club in New City, NY, is now superintendent at New York Country Club in New Hempstead, NY.
- **Ernie Steinhofner**, formerly sales representative for Metro Turf Specialists in Brookfield, CT, is now an agronomic sales rep and consultant with Synergy Turf Supply in Fishkill, NY.
- **Matt Topazio**, formerly superintendent at New York Country Club, is now a sales representative with Metro Turf Specialists.
- **Bob Wolverton**, formerly assistant superintendent at Century Country Club in White Plains, NY, is now superintendent at The Congaree Club in Ridgeland, SC.

Recertified

Congratulations to **Ernie Steinhofner** of Synergy Turf Supply for completing the renewal process for maintaining CGCS status with GCSAA.

A 22-year GCSAA member, Ernie initially achieved his certification in 1995.

Birth

Congratulations to **Mike Brunelle**, superintendent at Upper Montclair Country Club, and his wife, Jennifer, on the birth of their son, Theodore (Tedi) Martin, who was 8 lbs. 1 oz. and born on September 28.

In Sympathy

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to MetGCSA Executive Secretary **Susan O'Dowd** and her family. Susan's mother, Elizabeth O'Dowd, passed away October 25 at 82.

A Mighty Fine Time at the Nine and Dine

by Doug Drugo

This year's Nine and Dine event returned September 23 to Silvermine Golf Club in Norwalk, CT. Our host superintendent, Larry Pakkala, had the course in perfect condition, offering all who attended a wonderful afternoon and evening on the links of this southwestern Connecticut hidden gem.

Contestants played a four-person scramble and were divided among two fields: One group played Silvermine's Wilton Nine while the other group played the Barn Nine. After the dust settled, the following groups came out on top:

Wilton Nine/First Place

John Callahan, *The Cardinals*
 Dave Pijnenburg, *Greenacres Comp.*
 Mike Weber, *Fisher & Son Comp.*
 Eric Berg, *LaCorte Equipment*

Wilton Nine/Second Place

Tim O'Neill, *CC of Darien*
 Les Kennedy, *Blind Brook Club*
 Frank Amodio, *Valley View Greenhouses*
 Joe Alonzi, *Class LA*

Barn Nine/First Place

George Chavez, *Pelham CC*
 Chris Hurley, *Pelham CC*

Todd Apgar, *Metro Turf Specialists*
 Scott Apgar, *Metro Turf Specialists*

Barn Nine/Second Place

Dave Parson, *The Apawamis Club*
 Ron McNaughton, *The Apawamis Club*
 Pat McGinn, *Waccabuc CC*
 Pat Hagan, *Waccabuc CC*

Thank You's Are in Order

We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the day, with special thanks to LaCorte Equipment who was our Title Sponsor for the Nine and Dine, Golf Professional Stuart Waack and his staff for running the event, the members of Silvermine for hosting our group, and of course, Larry Pakkala, and his staff for providing us with a superb playing field. It was also great to see the large draw of assistants who attended the event. Quite a few walked away with prizes!

As we move toward wrapping up another season, the MetGCSA Board and Tournament Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting this year's events.

Doug Drugo, Tournament Committee Chair, is superintendent at Wee Burn Country Club in Darien, CT.

Assistants Enjoy Much-N-Brae Burn Championship

by Josh Haugh

Ironically, during a season that saw unseasonably low rainfall totals and hot dry stretches, the annual Assistants Championship had the potential to be a wash. But fortunately, Hurricane Joaquin changed course and shifted out to sea, leaving us with a beautiful Fall day on the links at Brae Burn Country Club on October 6.

Before we get into the results, I think it's only right that we thank Blake Halderman and his two right-hand men, Dave Peterson and Bobby Jewett, for hosting the event. The playability and conditions were fantastic, and it was refreshing to have a fair setup. From everything I heard throughout the day, the other participants echoed these same sentiments.

So, again, thank you for putting on a great tournament, and many thanks to our title sponsor for the event, Westchester Turf Supply.

Here are the winning results of the day:

Gross Score

- 77 Kelly Barrel and Shawn Haverdink
Quaker Ridge GC
- 80 Alex Matos and Mike Guinan
Blind Brook Club
- 83 Sean Charles
Round Hill Club
- 83 Justin Miller and Riley Tewksbury
Wee Burn CC

Net Score

- 62 Dave Parson and Ron McNaughton
The Apawamis Club
- 68 Keith Carper and Tom Bakis
Sterling Farms GC



eeded Break at

- 68 Vinny Barnaba, *Winged Foot GC*
Tyler Vanalien, *Westchester CC*
70 Austin Sevcik and Chris Sitko
Westchester CC

Closest to the Pin

- #5 Chris Sitko
Westchester CC
#8 Dave Parson
The Apawamis Club
#11 Wes Mackie
Quaker Ridge GC
#16 Chris Hurley
Pelham CC

Longest Drive

- #9 Jamie Hunt
Sunningdale CC

Low Individual Gross

- 78 Dave Parson
The Apawamis Club

From the Assistants Committee, we hope all who participated enjoyed their time at Brae Burn, and we hope to build on the turnout and make this the most enjoyable tournament of the year.

So for those of you who did not participate this year, come on out next year, and add to the enjoyment; you won't be disappointed. Even if you don't golf in earnest, come out for a little post tournament socializing, and take advantage of a brief reprieve from a tiring summer. Chances are you've earned it!

See you all next year.

Josh Haugh is an assistant superintendent at Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville, NY.

Meadow Brook Hosts a Day of Golf and Giving

by *Glen Dube, CGCS*

On October 13, the MetGCSA and Long Island GCSA members convened for a day of fundraising and fun. The Poa Annual, Met Championship, and Met Area Team Championship Qualifier were all contested at the Meadow Brook Club in Jericho, NY. Our host, Superintendent John Carlone, treated us to a magnificently manicured golf course, and delicious food was served by a very gracious staff.

More than 120 golfers turned out for the day's competitions, and 28 tee signs were sold, raising \$3,500 for NYSTA.

Here are the winning results:

Champion Crowned at MetGCSA Championship

It's at this event every year that the MetGCSA crowns the winner of our Met Championship and determines the qualifiers for the Met Area Team Championship. This year's battle for Met Championship was a fierce one, with the title going to the low gross golfer for the day, Rock Ridge's Steve Loughran, Metropolis's Dave McCaffery, and Quaker Ridge's Tom Ashfield all shot an impressive 79. The winner had to be determined by a match of cards. In the end, it was Steve Loughran who emerged victorious. Congratulations to our 2015 champion!

Met Area Team Championship Qualifiers

Those interested in qualifying for the Met Area Team Championship, held this year at Quaker Ridge Golf Club, submitted their scores, and from the pool of entrants, teams were selected.

Here's who qualified to represent the Met in this year's competition:

Gross Division

Tom Ashfield, *Quaker Ridge Golf Club*
Steve Loughran, *Rock Ridge Country Club*
Dave McCaffery, *Metropolis Country Club*
Steve Rabideau, *Winged Foot Golf Club*

Net Division

Mike Brunelle, *Upper Montclair Country Club*
Brain Chapin, *Paramount Country Club*
Glen Dube, *Centennial Golf Club*
Doug Middleton, *Ocean Organics*

A special thank you to the Meadow Brook Pro Shop staff for helping us sort and tally all the scores for the various events of the day!

Glen Dube is MetGCSA president and superintendent at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel, NY.



Upcoming Events

Don't Miss the Social Event of the Year!

MetGCSA Christmas Party

WHEN: Saturday, December 5, time 6:30–11:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Stanwich Club Greenwich, CT

COST: \$150 per couple for assistant superintendent members ~ \$200 per couple for all others

At this year's holiday event, mingling is the name of the game! Enjoy a cocktail party atmosphere with fine buffet-style dining rather than a formal sit-down dinner. And dance the night away to the sounds of DJ Double Image.

Guests are welcome, and we hope superintendents will encourage their assistants to join them! In gratitude of what the assistant superintendents bring to our organization and clubs, we are offering a reduced price for all assistants who wish to attend.

Please join us, one and all!



Educational Events

Turf & Grounds Exposition

Tuesday – Wednesday, November 17 – 18
Rochester Riverside Convention Center
Rochester, NY

The Turf & Grounds Exposition offers an excellent opportunity to network while remaining current on the latest research and trends in turfgrass management. As always, the expo will feature key speakers from all segments of the green industry, as well as a comprehensive trade show with more than 100 exhibitors.

For further information, call the show office at 800-873-8873 or 518-783-1229, or visit the website at www.nysta.org.

Long Island Regional Conference

Thursday, December 3
Upsky Long Island Hotel
Hauppauge, NY

The Long Island Regional Conference offers a variety of educational sessions with leading turfgrass educators and industry professionals. For further information, visit www.nysta.org or contact the NYSTA office at 518-783-1229.

40th Annual New Jersey Green Expo Turf and Landscape Conference

Tuesday – Thursday, December 8 – 10
The Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa
Atlantic City, NJ

The New Jersey Green Expo offers a comprehensive educational program providing cutting-edge applications and tactics to guarantee green industry professionals' success on the job. Offering one of the largest trade shows in the tri-state area, the expo also provides attendees with the opportunity to view the latest and greatest products and services on the market.

For further information, call 973-812-6467 or visit www.njturfgrass.org.

MetGCSA Winter Seminar

Wednesday, January 13, 2016
Westchester Country Club
Rye, NY
Host: David Dudones

For further information, contact our Education Chairman, Brett Chapin, at 203-938-9640.

Southeast Regional Conference

Wednesday – Thursday, January 27 – 28, 2016
Ramada Inn, Fishkill, NY

The Southeast Regional Conference offers a variety of educational sessions with leading turfgrass educators and industry professionals. For further information, visit www.nysta.org or contact the NYSTA office at 518-783-1229.

19th Annual New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show

Monday – Thursday, February 29 – March 3, 2016
Rhode Island Convention Center
Providence, RI

For the 19th consecutive year, the conference and show provides turfgrass professionals from all areas of the industry the opportunity to see the newest products, supplies, services, and equipment available while offering a host of informative educational sessions, pesticide recertification credits, and endless networking opportunities.

Watch for details on www.NERTF.org, or call 401-841-5490 for further information.

Turfgrass Advocacy 2016 ~ NYSTA's Lobby Day

Wednesday, March 9, 2016
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY

NYSTA welcomes all green industry professionals to attend this event. The Turfgrass Advocacy Day offers the opportunity to attend a priority issue briefing session on current legislation that could affect the turfgrass and green industry, as well as a chance to meet with your local elected officials and later discuss issues over lunch with a government official.

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