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**Wednesday, July 31, 2019  
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# President's Message: DAVE SCHELL

David Schell  
NJTA President



Greetings and welcome to the spring of 2019. I, like many of you, am waiting for a change in the weather pattern that doesn't involve as much rain as we have continued to receive so far this year.

I want to believe that this will change but am not getting any cooperation from mother nature. Continue to fight the battle, as you all are doing outstanding work making your turf playable for whatever game is played.

On behalf of the NJTA Board of Directors, I want to thank everyone who participated in this year's Rutgers Golf Classic. WHAT A DAY!! The support for the Rutgers Turfgrass Research program is second to none anywhere in this country. A total of 402 golfers, \$21,000+ raised on the silent auction and an additional \$125,000+ raised from the golf event, as a result of everyone's participation. There are so many ways in which you can participate which I believe is the reason why this event is so successful. All the proceeds from the day's events go to the New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation to be used to support the extensive research in turfgrass maintenance and turfgrass breeding programs at Rutgers.

I would also like to thank our many sponsors for their generous support of the tournament and the program. We could not do it without your support!

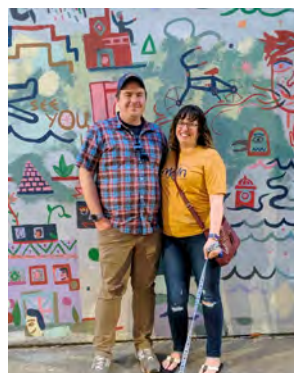
The New Jersey Turfgrass Association Board of Directors is continuously looking for individuals from all turfgrass disciplines to join a committee and share your ideas on how to make the Association prepare and move toward the future. Who knows, you might even want to join the Board and work alongside some of the most dedicated people, working on your behalf, all year long. I would encourage you to speak to any Board member if you have an interest in getting more involved with your association.

On behalf of the BOD, I thank you for your continued support as a NJTA member. Here's to a very successful 2019 season. We hope to see you in July at the Rutgers Field Days.

Dave Schell  
NJTA President

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## Meet a Board Member



### DONOVAN MAGUIGAN

I began my turfgrass career as a summer laborer at DuPont Country Club while in college, with the full intent of becoming a golf course architect. Halfway through my education at Ohio State, I changed my major to turfgrass science prior to completing an internship at Merion Golf Club. After getting a B.S. in Turfgrass Science, I worked at two Delaware private golf clubs, Bidermann Golf Course for a year and Fieldstone Golf Club for 5 years as an assistant. In 2011, after volunteering at Seaview Golf Club for the Shoprite LPGA Classic, I was offered the Pines Course Superintendent position due to a vacancy and I progressed through the ranks at Seaview, becoming the Bay Course Superintendent in 2012 and in 2013, after a management restructure, the Superintendent overseeing both golf courses under Mike Bair, the Director of Agronomy. My primary focus at Seaview was the Bay Course, but I also managed the day to day operations and agronomics of both golf courses. In 2017, I became the South Course Superintendent at Lake of Isles in North Stonington, Connecticut before returning to New Jersey in December of 2018 as the Golf Course Superintendent at Springdale Golf Club in Princeton, New Jersey.

In my spare time, I enjoy photography, reading, and running. I have lived abroad in Singapore and have hiked 750 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Naturally, I enjoy playing golf and exploring golf architecture history.

I am excited to return back to the NJTA Board as I feel the work of the NJTA is essential for supporting the industry, turfgrass research, education, and the work of the Rutgers Turfgrass Program.

I currently live in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and have a girlfriend with whom I enjoy spending time traveling with.





## You can Never say Thank You enough!

*Your Executive Director*

**Cece Peabody, MAT, CMP**

I just don't know where time goes, but we are already half way through 2019! And it's been a busy year.

First of all, thank you to the many many NJTA members who joined this year and to those who continue to renew your membership. We are nearing 1000 members and are hoping that this year will be the year we cross that threshold. We've published our annual Members Directory, and will be sending you the addendum of members who joined since April.

This is our second issue of *Clippings* for the year... it captures the success of the 24th Annual Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic, held on May 6th. It also includes the schedule and registration forms for the upcoming Rutgers Turfgrass Research Field Days on Tuesday, July 30th, and Wednesday, July 31st. The sponsorship and silent auction donor forms are also in this issue. There will be a third issue of *Clippings* that captures the Field Days and previews the ever popular Green Expo Turf & Landscape Conference, December 10-12, returning to the fabulous Borgata Hotel in Atlantic City. The dates of Expo may seem later, but there always is a week between Thanksgiving and Expo.

We will continue to provide the pesticide and fertilizer credits at Field Days and Expo as well as provide the very best in cutting edge research science and speakers from all over the country.

We enjoy the best relationships with our allied associations and will continue to offer their members the member registration rate that NJTA offers its members.

The NJTA board meets monthly, except in July and August, and together make the decisions that move our association and foundation forward.

All of this is thanks to you the members. We encourage you to become as involved as you can and even step up to join the Board. Cheers to you!

## Meet a Board Member



### CHRIS SHERRINGTON

Chris works with Lawn Doctor, Inc., as a Technical Director/Agronomist. His job is multi-faceted from working with franchises to developing and updating technical programs across the US for Lawn Care, Tree & Shrub Care, Mosquito and Pest Control.

Chris has had previous experience serving as a golf course superintendent at many courses: Navisink Country Club, Fiddler's Elbow Country Club as first assistant superintendent at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, NC, and at Pine Valley Golf Club in Clementon, NJ. He's also worked at Sunningdale Golf Club in Surrey, England, Fiddlersticks Country Club, Ft. Myers, Florida, Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, New York, and Parkstone Golf Club in Dorset, England.

Chris and his diverse background and business experience will add another experienced turfgrass member to the board of directors.

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Two (2) \$1500 scholarships will be awarded.

# The Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic Reaches New Heights

by Shaun Barry, Golf Classic Chair

The 24th edition of The Rutgers Turfgrass Golf Classic reached a level of success that was a goal that *Dr. Clarke* and *Dr. Meyer* have had for over a decade. That goal was to have over 400 golfers enjoying the three courses at Fiddler's Elbow CC. On May 6, 2019, that goal was achieved!

Last year we had 368 golfers listed, but the final number was 354 players. That was the highest number in the history of the Classic. This year our final pre-event number was 412. That was almost unbelievable.

It couldn't be true but we had to prepare as if it was true. 40 more carts were brought in, 16 more cases of beer were ordered and Chef Michael added additional food for the Grand Reception which was once again sponsored by **A-LIST**.

We were prepared or so we thought. The final number was an amazing 402 golfers. That exceeded our guesses and it seems like most of these golfers were thirsty because by the time Cece and I had played 3 holes, we were informed that we were running low on beer. Lunch was being sponsored by **Pure Seed and Pure Seed Testing** and they wanted to make sure we had enough beer. Many of the players made sure they didn't run out so they took 3 or 4 cans with them at their first stop. We immediately ordered another 15 cases which amounts to 540 cans of beer. That seems to have been the magic number and as a result nobody went thirsty.

Anyone reading this would be justified in asking how can this event be so successful? Most fundraisers start out strong and start to fade somewhere around the seven year mark. Why has this event started strong and has become more successful? There are many reasons for that. The main reason is that *Dr. Bruce Clarke* was involved with the initial planning and when *Dr. Bill Meyer* arrived at Rutgers he immediately joined Bruce and all of the scientists at the Center for Turfgrass Science to make it bigger and better.

Bill and Bruce reached out to their contacts in the industry and were met by positive responses. What is wonderful to see is that *Dr. Stacy Bonos* and *Dr. Matt Elmore* have gotten seriously involved in this critical part of the event. The combined efforts of these scientists included 13 Premier Sponsors, 4 Eagle Sponsors, and 8 Birdie Sponsors. All of the sponsors at these levels will be listed at the end of this article but it is always important to recognize **Syngenta** and **Storr Tractor/Toro** because both have been Premier Sponsors for all 24 years. That is true support for Rutgers and our industry.

An additional reason for this success is because, even though the Turfgrass Classic Committee is 100% volunteer, this committee is committed to improving the Classic every year and the personnel on this committee stay on the committee. *Steve Chirip* was the Chairman for the early years and his assistant was *Shaun Barry*. Shaun worked

with Steve for over 7 years and he became Chairman when Steve moved out of state. Shaun is the current Chairman and his Co-Chair is *Dr. Karen Plumley* and has been so for four years. She is eminently qualified to take the reins of leadership when needed.

The other important factor is the steady hand of NJTA's Executive Director, *Cece Peabody*. That position makes her and her staff the central location that all registrations, sponsorships and payments go through. They have a difficult job but the paperwork and registration forms are complete, accurate and ready for registration.

The day starts early with *Matt Sweatlock* placing the Thank You signs for the Premier Sponsors along the entrance for everyone to see. Volunteers start arriving at 7:30 with most of the 15 people coming from Rutgers. These students start working at 8:00 with everyone getting time for breakfast

sponsored by **Turf Merchants Inc** and **Turfgrass Water Conservation Alliance**. Karen usually runs registration but this year she coordinated the efforts of our media and our first effort with using a drone. The final video should be excellent. Look for it at Field Days or Expo. *Dave Schell*, *Keith Bennett*, and *Ron Luepke* were the key volunteers selling Mulligans and 50/50 tickets. *Jeff Weld*, *Matt Lindner* and *Cece* ran the Silent Auction. Anywhere you looked you would find NJTA board members helping out.

Just before *Dr. Clarke* welcomed everyone and sent them out to play, **Lebanon Turf** made a check presentation to Russ Harris. Russ is the President of the GCSANJ and he was given this check because Kyle Lenkey's dog Rosie was the winning dog from their annual dog calendar. She was chosen by the attendees at the GCSAA National Conference in San Diego. Kyle is the assistant at the Fiddler's River Course and he and Rosie take good care of the course. The check was in the amount of \$3,000.00 and is given to the local superintendent association if the winner is a member. Lebanon has been doing this for years. Rosie is the second winner from the GCSANJ. Brian Minemier's dog Bandit was our first winner.

Once everyone started playing they were greeted by 3 golf courses in great shape which was not easy to do after a long period of difficult weather. *Matt Willigan*, *Steve Saxe* and their dedicated and talented staff provided excellent playing conditions. Carts were cart path only due to the excessive amount of rain the state has received. (Years ago our event would have been canceled.) It shows that all of the work that has been done on the courses has been worth the costs and the efforts.

Usually such a large number of golfers on the course plus using cart paths only would add about an extra hour to the round but that didn't happen. The pace of play was almost normal. Maybe having *Dr. Bruce Clarke*, *Dr. Bingru Huang* and *Dr. Albrecht Koppenhofer* stationed on each course helped teams lower their score and moved play along.



# NJ Legislative Update

by Matt Lindner, Legislative Chair

As summer approaches, the legislative issues tend to take a vacation, along with the legislators themselves. With that said, there are still concerns within the turf industry, both in NJ and nationally you need to be informed of. A few of these issues are:

**NJ -A-3496/S-1810**— Prohibiting the use of chlorpyrifos insecticide. — Signed by the Governor and passed into law.

**Safe Playing Field's Act** is still a concern but has been kept on the back burner.

The **Neonic Bill** which proposes to ban all neonic is still front and center, however it has not been acted on.

**NJ 51.NJR.661(a)** consisting of several rule proposal changes that affect the NJ DEP has been proposed and public hearings are beginning to take place. Many of the rule proposal changes revolve around PPE, worker re-entry periods and other safety issues.

**Nationally**, the courts have let stand the **Montgomery County Maryland Pesticide Ban**, severely restricting the use of pesticides on residential and many commercial turf sites.

**City of Leonia, New Jersey** is proposing to restrict commercial landscaping companies from doing business in the town on Saturday's.

**Glyphosate (or Roundup)** has been on everyone's mind considering the three court cases that have gone against Bayer (Monsanto). They are all being appealed, especially since the Federal EPA had just given it a clean bill of health of use according to label recommendations. The pushback now is coming from Insurance Companies that are now looking to no longer cover the product in their policies which can affect distributors and even end users.

As always, there are many proposed regulations that you need to be aware of. It is always a great idea to communicate with your fellow professionals to find out about the latest issues concerning our business.

Plan on attending the Rutgers Field Days, either July 30th or July 31st to meet old friends, find new ones, share knowledge and become up to date on the latest research and products available to you, the end user.

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# The Loss of a Dear Friend - Joseph A. Bianco Sr.

On May 22nd, Joseph A. Bianco Sr. passed away. The Turfgrass industry lost an exceptional person, and one who was a loyal friend to so many of us.

Joe Bianco has been such a good example to me and all who were fortunate enough to know him. He loved his family, our country, the associations he was involved in, and Rutgers University. We have all benefited from his many selfless contributions. He made the world a better place through his never ending unconditional love and dedication.

Joe was a personal friend of mine for over forty years. He came up with the idea that there should be a Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association (RTAA). Dr. Ralph Engel agreed and a steering committee was formed to organize it. Along with a group of past students, we went to work with the guidance of Dr. Engel, Dr. Indyk, and Ned Lipman. Then our casual friendship became a strong bond. Joe served as the Treasurer of RTAA from the start until his passing, as well as Treasurer of NJTA for years.

His idea of creating "Project Dream" was the first in the country to show students and the public about growing Turfgrass with a demonstration area constructed off of Ryders Lane. He came up with the idea of naming the road from Rutgers Gardens to Hort Farm 2 to honor Dr. Engel and Dr. Indyk, and saw to it that the University would approve and install a road sign with their names on it.

When the Rutgers Gardens was having trouble getting the grass cut, Joe jumped in and helped by cutting the grass at no charge. The list of his acts of kindness for others could fill a book. Joe made things happen and worked to find a way to get things done. When others were pessimistic, he stayed positive. That is how he lived his life.

Joe took pride and was honored in serving others, especially his family. He served in the Korean War and after returning home, started his business, Green Thumb Services. He wanted to learn more about turf and attended the FIRST 20-week Turfgrass course at Rutgers.



I am a better person because of Joe's influence. I know many others feel the same way and will try to do what we can to honor his memory. He left a legacy and made a difference to many lives. Let us all try to follow his example.

The Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association is honored to start a scholarship in his name this year. It will be named the Joseph Bianco Scholarship.

*Thom Ritchie, Executive Director, Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association*

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# Field Days 2019 - New Tours Planned

by Craig Tolley, County College of Morris

**One of the best opportunities to tour the world class Rutgers Turfgrass research farm has arrived!**

Welcome to the Rutgers Turfgrass Research Field Days. Field days, for this year, will be held on July 30 and July 31, 2019. The Golf and Fine Turf Day, July 30th, will be at the Rutgers Turfgrass Farm (102 Ryders Lane) in North Brunswick, NJ. The Lawn, Landscape, and Sports Field Day, July 31, 2019 is returning to the Rutgers Adelphia Farm in Freehold (594 Halls Mills Road, Freehold NJ). The NJ Turfgrass Foundation again will be conducting a silent auction at each of the field days (you won't want to miss this).

Come and learn about the most current developments in turfgrass management. Meet the leaders and innovators in turfgrass research; the Rutgers' Professors and Extension Specialists will be available throughout the event to share their latest findings. Both Days will offer pesticide recertification credits from NJ, NY, CT, DE, PA, MD, GCSAA Education credits, and ProFACT credits.

For this year, field day will begin with an optional early morning Core session for pesticide recertification credits, on the 30th. This morning session is limited on space and will be filled with the first 80 people who register. Be sure to register early in order to secure your place.

Field Tours will include: wear tolerance trials for putting greens and fairways, the 2018 NTEP Tall and Fine Fescue trials, and pre-emergence programs for goosegrass control on fairways. There will also be stops reviewing the use of remote sensing and automation technology for turfgrass management, New results on the evaluation of fungicides for control of Summer Patch, Gray Leaf Spot and Pythium.

After, a delicious lunch on Tuesday the 30th there will be the (ProFACT) Basic Training for Professional Fertilizer Certification (from 2:00 to 3:30pm). The ProFACT Fertilizer Certification Exam will be administered this day as well (for an additional fee \$90) from 3:30 to 5:00 pm; the exam will be available in English or Spanish, space is limited so pre-registration is required.



Wednesday, July 31st, will be a full day. The Sport Field Managers Association of NJ will be holding their annual trade show before the tours and during lunch. The field tours will include educational programs detailing advances in turfgrass breeding, low-input management systems, evaluations of synthetic and alternative herbicides for weed control, plus False-Green Kyllinga management. The field tours will additionally include some equipment demonstrations throughout the day.

Remember to come early, each day, so you have time to visit with our sponsors and stop by the silent auction tent and help support the Turfgrass Foundation. All proceeds of the foundation help support the Rutgers Turfgrass program. Go over to the silent auction to see the impressive variety of items to bid on, your support is greatly appreciated.

Pre-registration is now open!! Members of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association receive the early bird discount registration rate (\$65.00 pre-registration, **members only \$50.00**). Members of allied associations (Sports Field Managers Assn of NJ, New Jersey Landscape Contractors Assn, Cultivated Sod Growers of NJ, New Jersey Nursery & Landscape Assn, Golf Course Superintendents Assn of NJ) are also eligible for the member rate. The student and master gardener rate is only \$20.00 (with student ID) for each day, so bring your interns; this special rate is available to any college or high school student or master gardener.

Register today at <http://www.njturfgrass.org> or use the form in this issue. **The early bird registration will be open through July 15, 2019. After that day, on site registration rates will apply (\$80.00 non-members, members only \$65.00).**



# SILENT AUCTION AT THE GOLF CLASSIC

by Jeff Weld, Bayer

As with all golf outings, we approached the 24th annual “Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic” (RRGC) on May 6th with a sense of anticipation and wonder. Anticipation is always a part of the game when you have a golf outing with so many participants that cannot be rescheduled if weather intervenes. We wondered if the weather would cooperate. It was a little soggy due to the previous days unrepentant rain, but this day weather was superb. We enjoyed the best weather in a long time on the day of the RRGC.

We saw more early activity at the silent auction due to the efforts of *Matt Lindner*, *Mike Reed*, and a number of other volunteers. Once again outstanding support from “team Peabody” to let the auction run past the original planned closing time to let everyone participate. Everyone pitched in to make for another exceptional silent auction. Beautiful views from the Fiddler’s Elbow veranda and the exceptional libations from the wait staff kept the bidders flowing (small pun). At the end of the day we enjoyed another very successful silent auction.

There are far too many people to thank for listing in an article. We received bid items from over forty-five different companies and individuals. These forty-five donors provided a total of 120 items offered for sale. All of these companies and individuals combined to create a very prosperous event. The NJTA will net \$20,430.00 from the silent auction. Even though we had fewer items, we actually beat last year due to the generosity of the people in our industry. All of that funding drops directly to the bottom line in support of New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation for exceptional turfgrass research at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Thank you to all the donors, bidders, those folks who chased down donations, and anyone else I may be forgetting. I also want to send a big thank you to NJTA Executive Director *Cece Peabody* and her staff at the event. Without those who do the mountain of work administering the silent auction before, the day of, and even after the event, it would not happen.

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# 4 Good Reasons to be using Social Media

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It's more important than ever to be connected, and most of us turn to social media applications, such as Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and others. All these platforms have their pros and cons, so it's up to you to choose what works for you. If you are not on any of these platforms, you are missing out on opportunities to grow your career and business.

Here are 4 good reasons to be on social media.

## 1. Build Relationships

Chances are we have all met new people at Green Expo, Field Days or the RU Golf Classic. Don't let those new relationships germinate and then forget to water it. Being active on social media gives that new young relationship a chance to mature and grow. Eventually that new relationship will mature into a business colleague who can be a valuable asset within your network.

## 2. Sharing your expertise

Social media gives you a quick and free way of sharing your knowledge that you have spent years obtaining. This will attract new potential customers and colleagues that will help grow your business. It also builds credibility within your brand and industry. Our current email campaign of "Turf Tips" is a great illustration of this. These tips are intended to allow our current members to express their knowledge and help out their fellow colleagues in the industry.

## 3. Increase your visibility

The NJTA purpose is to *promote the Turfgrass Industry and enhance the environment through education, professionalism, leadership, and our partnership with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey*. Over the past 40 years, we have accomplished amazing advances in our industry. We have been using social media to enlighten our members with the "Funding Advancements" campaign. This hopefully gave our members a sense of pride in supporting the efforts of the NJTA.

## 4. Educate Yourself

One of the main reasons I joined Twitter was the education opportunities it has to offer. Sure I learn the technical stuff from our great researchers and professors at Rutgers throughout the year. But having the ability to follow other golf course superintendents and read about their problems and how they solved them is invaluable. We all experience different things every day and being able to share them helps everyone else.

Social media is now mainstream in all of our lives. It's important to embrace and use it as a powerful tool to communicate with others.

We hope you all give us a follow:

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# 2019 Rutgers Turfgrass Research FIELD DAYS

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## Tuesday, July 30, 2019 GOLF & FINE TURF Day

Hort Farm 2, 102 Ryders Lane, North Brunswick NJ 08902

### WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND:

- Meet the Rutgers Professors
- Creeping and Colonial Bentgrass NTEP Trials
- Advances in Disease, Insect, and Weed Control
- Programs for Pre and Post Emergence Goosegrass Control
- Best Management Strategies for control of Dollar Spot, and Other Important Leaf and Root Diseases of Turf
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### SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

7:30 AM	Registration Opens
8:00 – 8:30 AM	CORE Session (Limit 80) - 1 Credit — <b>OPTIONAL</b> — — <b>SILENT AUCTION OPENS</b> —
9:00 AM	TOURS Begin
1:00 PM	TOURS End
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch & SILENT AUCTION Ends
2:00 PM	Field Day Ends (Unless staying for below)
	— <b>OPTIONAL</b> —
2:00 – 3:30 PM	TRAINING for ProFACT in ENGLISH or SPANISH (Professional Fertilizer Applicator Certification) – Earn 3 re-certification credits - No Fee
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7:30 AM	Registration & Trade Show Opens
9:00 AM	TOURS & Equipment Demonstrations Begin — <b>SILENT AUCTION OPENS</b> —
1:00 PM	TOURS & Equipment Demonstrations End
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch & SILENT AUCTION Ends
1:30 – 2:00 PM	CORE Session (Lunch Area) — <b>OPTIONAL</b> — -- 1 Credit --
2:00 PM	Field Day Ends

There will be NO Basic Training for ProFACT and NO Fertilizer EXAM on WEDNESDAY.

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Once play was ended everyone started enjoying the Grand Reception. *Tom Hurley* is the General Manager and *Michael Nyerger* is the Clubhouse Manager. Because of the large bump in attendees, Tom, Michael, *Executive Chef Michael Weisshaupt* and *Head Golf Professional Ryan Buckley* had to make several changes to the reception area to accommodate everyone. They did a great job and it felt like we had more room than previous years. Moving the seafood selections into the Atrium and the extra tables and chairs made quite a difference. People seemed content relaxing while enjoying food, drink and renewing old acquaintances as the sun started to set. It was the perfect way to relax after a fun day of playing golf.

*Dr. Brad Hillman* spoke briefly thanking everyone for their support of Rutgers and the Center for Turfgrass Science. He stressed the great relationship between Rutgers and the industry and that it is recognized throughout the different departments in the university. Bruce acknowledged the Premier, Eagle and Birdie Sponsors by name but he never forgets that every sponsor is truly important to the success of the Classic. He however recognizes that many people have time constraints so brevity is important. Dr Meyer graciously accepted Bruce's concession of defeat in their annual competition to see who is responsible for bringing in the most revenue. To his credit Bruce is gracious in defeat but he plans on winning in 2020 which will be our 25 Anniversary.

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This award is given to an outstanding Ph.D. candidate who, in the final phase of their graduate studies, demonstrated overall excellence throughout their doctoral program in turfgrass research. Vines received a substantial grant from the foundation.

After graduation, Vines planned to become an assistant professor of plant breeding and focus on developing improved turfgrass cultivars for use around the world.

**Update:** Phillip is currently a non-tenured assistant professor in the turfgrass breeding program at Rutgers University, Plant Biology Department. Congratulations Phillip!

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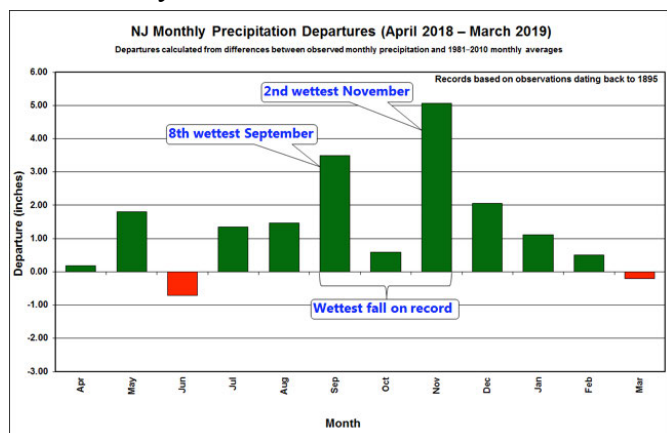


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# Too Much of Everything is Just Enough!

by Richard Buckley, Director,  
Rutgers Plant Diagnostic Laboratory

If you haven't noticed, it is raining again. A quick look at the website of our NJ state climatologist indicates that 10 of the last 12 months have been dominated by above average rainfall totals. Statewide averages and trends notwithstanding, locally heavy downpours and high intensity storms have left us with super saturated soils on many locations.



The question you may be asking is: what is the impact of our weather trends on the health and prosperity of our plants?

“Wet feet” is common vernacular for a soil condition that affects plant species intolerant of wet growing conditions. “Wet feet” occurs when soils become saturated with water. Water fills the pore spaces between soil particles, which displaces available oxygen, making the root zone anoxic. All roots require oxygen to function well—some plants need more than others—but, when oxygen is deficient, roots will suffocate, function poorly or fail outright. Plants with dysfunctional roots ultimately perform poorly, decline and may eventually die.

The presence of wet, soggy soils, or puddles on the soil surface after heavy rains are obvious indicators of “wet feet”. Algae, cyanobacteria, or moss growing on soil surfaces can also be indicative of wet sites. Anoxic soils often smell foul as populations of soil bacteria shift to those that thrive on low oxygen sites. They may produce sulfur as a byproduct of their metabolic processes and can also produce toxic compounds that further limit root growth. Even when the soil is dry, the swamp smell of a water-logged soil is unmistakable.

Plants affected by “wet feet” may decline quickly or die over several months or years. It is not uncommon for those with damaged roots to persist until high heat stress periods when the root system can't keep up with evapotranspiration demands.

Common symptoms include:

1. Wilting, yellowing, and browning of foliage
2. Leaf tip scorch and premature defoliation
3. Twig or branch dieback
4. Blackening of roots and soils
5. Death, decline, and reduced root biomass
6. Rotted root tissues slough off

Be aware that similar above-ground symptoms can occur as a result of other abiotic factors such as heat and drought, freezing, transplant or poor planting technique. Furthermore, insect or disease problems can also look the same. White grubs eat roots and the affected turf wilts and declines in much the same way as if it was water-logged or drought-stressed. The weather is the obvious suspect in diagnosing “wet feet,” but knowledge of the site, drainage, and irrigation practices is also helpful determining the cause of the problem.

Wet soils also provide ideal conditions for many root and crown rot pathogens. Water molds, such as *Phytophthora* and *Pythium* thrive in wet soils. Roots damaged by wet soils may also be colonized by fungi like *Armillaria* and *Rhizoctonia*. In turfgrass, the summer patch pathogen, *Magnaportheopsis poae*, does its best work in soils with high moisture levels. Accurate identification of root-infecting pathogens requires at least a microscope, and often needs special isolation or testing techniques that would only be available in a laboratory setting.

So, how do you know for sure? Wet feet or disease? Abiotic stress or insect pest?

Since 1991, The New Jersey Agriculture Experiment Station and Rutgers Cooperative Extension have maintained the Rutgers Plant Diagnostic Laboratory to assist with the plant health diagnostic needs of the residents of New Jersey. Our mission is to provide accurate and timely diagnosis of plant problems. Since inception, the Plant Diagnostic Laboratory has processed over 58,000 plant samples with an average response time of 2.29 days per sample.

The Plant Diagnostic Laboratory is staffed with two diagnosticians trained in entomology and plant pathology as well as a rotating cast of student assistants. The laboratory staff works in cooperation with other experts within Rutgers University. We also cooperate, through the National Plant Diagnostic Network, with diagnosticians at other Land Grant Universities, with regulators

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at the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, and with USDA-APHIS-PPQ.

Sampling and submission instructions, including the services provided and the fee schedule can be found on the website: [www.njaes.rutgers.edu/services](http://www.njaes.rutgers.edu/services). While you are there, check out the Rutgers Soil Testing Laboratory page for your soil fertility testing needs. Plant samples can be mailed or dropped off at the lab. Each sample must be accompanied with the appropriate submission form and payment.

A quality sample is very important in getting an accurate diagnosis. If the problem is the canopy of a tree, a twig or a branch with leaves attached should be sent. If the problem is in the roots, the roots must be sent. Turfgrass in cup-cutter sized plugs is ideal. The best samples are those plants and plant parts that are in active decline. The transition between healthy and unhealthy often yields the best result. When possible, whole plants are always best. Photographs are a great way of sharing information and the inclusion of photographs with the sample (or by email) is strongly encouraged. A completed submission form is essential. The more information we have, the better we can address the problem.

Our contact information, mailing addresses and driving directions can also be found on the website: [www.njaes.rutgers.edu/services](http://www.njaes.rutgers.edu/services). Most samples should be submitted by mail to Rutgers Plant Diagnostic Laboratory, PO Box 550, Milltown, NJ 08850. For delivery services like UPS or Fed Ex or drop-off, the current campus address is: Geiger Turfgrass Education Building, 20 Indyk-Engle Way North Brunswick, NJ 08902. The Geiger Building is located on the turfgrass research farm, near the Rutgers Gardens, off of Ryders Lane in North Brunswick.

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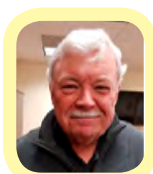
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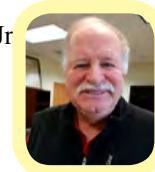
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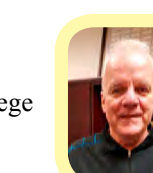
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**Hort Farm 2, New Brunswick, NJ**  
*Golf & Fine Turf Day*

## Rutgers Turfgrass Research FIELD DAYS 2

**Wednesday, July 31, 2019**

**Adelphia Farm, Freehold, NJ**  
*Lawn, Landscape, and  
Sports Fields Day*

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## GREEN EXPO

### Turf & Landscape Conference

**December 10-12, 2019**

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Experiment Station

## Soil Testing Laboratory

performs chemical and mechanical analyses:

- ◆ Landscape - fertility, suitability, topsoil evaluation
- ◆ Farm - fertility, pre-sidedress nitrate, full farm
- ◆ Organic Media - greenhouse media, compost
- ◆ Sports Turf - fertility, sand-based root zone
- ◆ Technical - permeability and ecological
- ◆ Individual / Specialized Tests
- ◆ Irrigation Water - pH, salts, nitrate-nitrogen, phosphorus, iron

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