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President's Message: Rob Johnson

*Rob Johnson
NJTA President*



Here we are in full swing whether we are ready or not. Once again our spring and early summer have brought with it every kind of weather we could imagine, periods of drought, below average temperatures, excessive rain, hail and humidity. Fortunately this day is in the mid 70's with low humidity -- the kind of day we all enjoy.

We all have some things to get excited about and life is slowly returning to the way we remember. So are we at the NJTA, with a couple of long anticipated events right around the corner.

We are eager to hear everyone's shared experiences from the past year and a half.

I know we have all done as much as we can do to stay connected, but we are looking forward to seeing everyone in person at the Rutgers Turfgrass Research Field Days at the end of July, and the Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic in mid - August, and most optimistically at the Green Expo Turf and Landscape Conference in Atlantic City.

Please assist us by encouraging your friends and peers to join us in celebrating the return of our main events.

See you soon!

*Rob Johnson
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NJTA members need to be thanked again for their dedication, decisions, inspiration, leadership, and action during the last year. Our association is stronger for each of you. 'Thank You' are 2 little words but they show so much gratitude. So, what's next?

In person events, the ability to earn pesticide and fertilizer credits, networking opportunities, the ability to shake hands, share fist bumps and hugs, travel again, visit with family, even discard masks carefully...these things are what's next. We've learned many different ways of 'making it happen' over the last year, but being seen and heard as we used to do tops it all. We may still gather mindfully, but we will gather. Can't wait!

A shoutout to our allied associations (those groups of members in fields related to turfgrass) who keep us up to date on their events and more. Our allied associations include: New Jersey Landscape Contractors, Sports Field Managers of NJ, New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association, Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey, Cultivated Sod Growers Association of NJ, Irrigation Association of New Jersey. Many of you are members of multiple associations and see the world of turfgrass from many viewpoints. NJTA welcomes all allied association members to our events and extend the member rate for their registration. *Clippings* has included articles from them...we continue to value these relationships and say thanks for being a part of the turfgrass world.

If you have not taken the step to join or rejoin the New Jersey Turfgrass Association, we encourage you to support NJTA and the industry. there are multiple benefits for being a member, not the least of which is being connected to Rutgers Professors from the Center for Turfgrass Science, receiving a members directory, *Clippings* magazine, registration discounts for Field Days and Green Expo, and meeting and sharing best practices with others. You will be glad you joined NJTA! See you soon and in person..I can't wait!



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Field Days - Ready to return and learn outside?

Rutgers Turfgrass Research Field Days are BACK!! The premier turfgrass educational event of the summer is returning and will be held LIVE! at the Rutgers Turf Research and Extension Farm in New Brunswick (Hort. Farm II). The Rutgers Turfgrass Research Field Days will be held on July 27th and 28th, 2021. Mark your calendars!

Golf and Fine Turf Day will be on July 27th, and Lawn, Landscape and Sports Field Day will be on July 28th. This year both days will be held at the New Brunswick site. COVID-19 restrictions are changing daily and all safety precautions and Rutgers protocols will be in place. Pre-registration is appreciated due to possible daily attendance restrictions. Be sure to register early to secure your entry.

The Field Day Committee has been working hard to see that this is a successful event and the Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science is hard at work to bring you the latest in turfgrass research. Both days will be jam packed with educational sessions. There will be ample opportunity to earn recertification credits for your pesticide licenses, GCSAA and ProFACT training as well. Pesticide recertification credits have been approved for New Jersey, Delaware, and Connecticut; credits are pending for New York, Maryland, and Pennsylvania (though we expect them to be approved soon).

Tuesday, July 27th, will begin with the traditional early bird Core session (8:00 am in Geiger Center classroom); space will be limited to 25 so be sure to register early to hold your spot. The field tours will start at 9:00 am and run until 1:00 pm.

We can expect to learn about the newest updates in disease control. Attendees will see research trials for fungicide control of summer patch and pythium blight, fungicide management of dollar spot on bentgrasses and anthracnose on annual bluegrass. There will be plenty of opportunity to see the latest breeding trials. There are bentgrass breeding and evaluation trials for fairway use and a look at improved disease resistant and stress tolerant bentgrass varieties. The Rutgers breeders will also be showing their research on improving gray leaf spot resistance in perennial ryegrass.

There will be fascinating studies to see, which look at insect and weed management. Dr. Matthew Elmore will be sharing his work managing goosegrass with pre-emergent herbicides and cultural management. He also has a study looking at weed management in naturalized fine fescues. Additionally, attendees will learn the latest on Annual Bluegrass Weevil management from Dr. Koppenhofer.

Wednesday, July 28th, will see the return of the annual trade show of the Sport Field Managers Association of New Jersey (7:30 - 9:00 am). The field tours will run again from 9:00 am until 1:00pm. This day will also be filled with breeding updates and new research, which should prove to be very informative.

The 2017 NTEP Kentucky Bluegrass trial will feature traffic resilience for lawn and athletic fields. The 2018 NTEP Tall Fescue trial will focus on traffic and Brown Patch resistance. There will be additional stops to see the breeding progress on Tall Fescue and Fine Fescue elsewhere on the farm. It always exciting to see what the team of Rutgers Breeders has been up to.

Presentations on insect and weed management control will be well worth attending. For weed control, research trials on false-green kyllinga control and crabgrass control. Updates on white grub management and control will be offered.

Dr. Jim Murphy will present a selection of proper Nitrogen sources. Dr. Bruce Clarke will share the most current strategies for integrated Summer Patch control. As an added bonus, the team from the Rutgers Plant Diagnostics will have a presentation as well.

Each day will end with lunch and the opportunity to visit the Silent Auction (in support of the New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation). Remember to stay for lunch and enjoy the camaraderie. Take the opportunity to meet with the Rutgers professors and bring your most perplexing and challenging turf questions! See you in July...

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The New Jersey Turf Grass Association will be releasing a podcast titled “Turf Talk”. The podcast will be devoted to discussing various topics relating to lawn, golf and sports turf.

Topics will include cultural practices, disease management, weed management and overall best turf grass management practices. Guests include industry professionals and academics in New Jersey and nationwide.

New episodes will be released twice per month and can be found on Apple podcast, Pod bean and Spotify!

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

By Marney Stauffer, NJTA Legislative Liaison

Did you know? The New Jersey Green Industry Council, whose purpose is to represent, promote, and defend the interest of the Green Industry and its partners through advocacy, education, and communications at the state and local level, has initiated grass roots efforts to increase awareness of a recent piece of legislation (bill A-2070), which will directly impact turf and ornamental businesses in the state of New Jersey.

Under bill A-2070, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would adopt the rules and regulations classifying neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use pesticides within one year. The legislation also includes language that will restrict a person from selling, offering sale, or using within the State any neonic pesticide, unless purchased and applied by a certified and licensed pesticide applicator or persons working under the direct supervision of a certified and licensed pesticide applicator to an agricultural plant. According to the bill, an agricultural plant is defined as any plant, grown, maintained, or otherwise produced for commercial purposes, including for sale or trade, for research or experimental purposes, or for use in part or their entirety in another location. As defined, an agricultural plant includes, but is not limited to, grains, fruits, and vegetables; wood fiber or timber products; flowering and foliage plants and trees; seedlings and transplants; and turf grass produced for sod. Agricultural plant does not include pasture or rangeland used for grazing. The bill is currently under consideration by the Assembly Speaker for a floor vote.

The NJGIC working in conjunction with State Street Associates, has conducted outreach efforts with legislators to bring awareness of the impact of this bill on the green industry to prevent the ban of neonicotinoids in NJ for turf and ornamental use.

To learn more about the bill visit www.NJGIC.org. There you will find a recent version of bill A-2070, talking points arounds the environmental impact of losing the ability to utilize neonicotinoids in the state of NJ, and a list of sponsors/co-sponsors for the bill.



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	Connecticut accepts New Jersey Approved Credits Sign Sheet & Pick Up Certificate		Connecticut accepts New Jersey Approved Credits Sign Sheet & Pick Up Certificate	
DE	DELAWARE: APPROVED		DELAWARE: APPROVED	
9AM – 1PM	03 - Ornamental and Turf	4.00	03 – Ornamental and Turf	4.00
GCSAA	GCSAA – DAY 1: APPROVED		GCSAA – DAY 2: APPROVED	
9AM – 1PM	Pick Up Form at end of tours & day 1 OPTIONAL: ProFACT Training	.35 .15	Pick Up Form at end of tours & day 2 OPTIONAL: ProFACT Training	.35 .15
MD	MARYLAND: APPROVED		MARYLAND: APPROVED	
9AM – 1PM	Optional AM Core Session (included in total) 3A • 3C (Turf) • 6 (Right-of-Way) • 10	08	3A • 3C (Turf) • 6 (Right-of-Way) • 10 Optional PM Core Session (included in total)	08
NJ	NEW JERSEY: APPROVED		NEW JERSEY: APPROVED	
OPTIONAL	CORE 8 AM (Basic Safety & Handling)	01	3A (Ornamentals)	03
9AM – 1PM	3A (Ornamentals)	02	3B (Turf)	08
9AM – 1PM	3B (Turf)	08	10 (Demonstration and Research)	08
9AM – 1PM	10 (Demonstration and Research)	08	PP2 (Private Applicator Category)	08
9AM – 1PM	PP2 (Private Applicator Category)	08	6B (Right-of-Way)	08
9AM – 1PM	8C (Private Applicator Category)	08	8C (Campground)	08
			13 (IPM in Schools)	03
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9AM – 1PM	07 – Lawn and Turf	6	18 – Demonstration and Research	4
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1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch & SILENT AUCTION Ends
2:00 PM	Field Day Ends (Unless staying for below)

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7:30 AM	Registration & TRADE SHOW Opens
	SILENT AUCTION OPENS
9:00 AM	TOURS Begin
1:00 PM	TOURS End
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch & SILENT AUCTION Ends
1:30 – 2:00 PM	CORE SESSION (Lunch Area) 1 Credit OPTIONAL
2:00 PM	Field Day Ends (Unless staying for below)
	OPTIONAL
2:00 – 3:30 PM	TRAINING for ProFACT in ENGLISH (Professional Fertilizer Applicator Certification) – Earn 3 re-certification credits - No Fee
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2021 EARLY REGISTRATION FORM FIELD DAYS

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(4) NJ Landscape Contractors Assn (NJLCA) (5) NJ Nursery & Landscape Assn (NJNLA) (6) Cultivated Sod Growers Assn of NJ (CSGANJ) Membership will be verified.

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☐ 4=\$220

☐ 1= \$ 55
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☐ 2=\$150
☐ 4=\$300

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Tracy Wadhams, Field Days Chair

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What's All the Noise About Leaf Blowers?

By Gail Woolcott, New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association

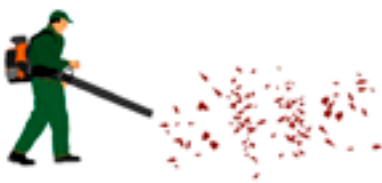
Throughout the country, including New Jersey, municipalities are banning or restricting the use of leaf blowers or are considering doing so. The New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association is working to help landscape and other professionals that use this vital equipment counter these challenges.

Most objections to leaf blower use are based on emotions and misinformation. It's not always just a gas-powered equipment issue either and many use the noise as a reason to ban them. Bans and restrictions are being put in place regardless of the type. We are doing our best to prevent and contest these bans, but it's crucial that you get involved at the local level to ensure all of us don't lose access to these necessary tools.

Today's leaf blowers are much quieter and more efficient than in the past. According to the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, "Most modern blowers are 75 percent quieter than blowers manufactured only a decade ago. And many manufacturers have reduced the emissions of small engines by as much as 90 percent."

Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the time-saving utility of leaf blowers, not only in the landscape, but when cleaning gutters, installing concrete, etc.

If a ban or ordinance does pop up in your municipality, please tell your local association about it right away. But most importantly, you and other residents in your town must show up at the township meetings to express how the ban or restriction will affect you and your livelihood. As many times as your association can try to run interference, it is the voters in the town that have the most influence.



There are some things we can do to hopefully curtail bans and restrictions. First and foremost, understand that now more than ever, people are working from home and children are attending school from home. Therefore, they are hearing and seeing contractors use this equipment more and hearing their use throughout the day from their own and neighboring houses. Make sure that you and your employees are following common courtesy and best practices when using your leaf blowers.

- Try not to have multiple employees running blowers simultaneously in close proximity.
- Use your equipment at half throttle unless absolutely necessary.
- Teach your employees how not to generate dust through proper nozzle positioning and throttle control.
- When replacing older models, purchase low decibel equipment (65 dBA).
- Educate users to lower equipment while pedestrians are nearby, until they have passed by an appropriate distance.
- Don't blow debris into roadways. Blow it back onto the grass.

Landscape and other leaf blower using professionals should work together with leaders to try and find common ground and compromise.

We encourage you to be vigilant in watching for leaf blower issues in your local communities and to act when you see an issue arise. As the green industry, it takes all of us to respond on these issues, and we appreciate your involvement.

NOTE: Thanks Gail for sharing - one of our important allied associations - NJLCA.

Celebrate the 25th Year of the Rutgers Turfgrass Classic

by Shaun Barry, Golf Classic Chair

On August 16, 2021, we will finally get to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classic. This fundraiser started with an ambitious goal of raising \$10,000. That goal showed the confidence the committee had for Dr. Bruce Clarke and the research being done at Rutgers. Aim high, secure sponsors, work hard and make sure everything about the day was first class. That was their blueprint for a successful fundraiser. They followed that blueprint and it has succeeded.

Before the first Golf Classic, Dr. Clarke reached out to *Syngenta Professional Products* and *Storr Tractor & Toro* asking them to become Premier Sponsors and both did. This sponsorship level was priced at \$7,500 and it hasn't changed. These two companies have never missed being a Premier Sponsor. This shows a high level of loyalty and respect from both companies for Dr. Clarke and the Center for Turfgrass Science. Through the years several other companies have committed to show their support of Rutgers, and Dr. Clarke in particular, by also becoming Premier Sponsors. Currently *BASF*, *Bayer*, and *PBI Gordon* see great benefits from their Premier Sponsor support of Dr. Clarke and his team of scientists.

After the first few years, the Classic seemed to plateau at a hard-to-fathom level of success that was the envy of all universities. We had reached our limit of Premier Sponsors or so we thought. When Dr. Bill Meyer joined the staff at Rutgers, he earned the title of being the best turfgrass breeder in the business. He was also able to reach another segment of our industry and so he added several new Premier Sponsors. Some of the companies now supporting Dr. Meyer are *Burlingham Seeds*, *Columbia River Seed/Columbia Seeds*, *DLF Pickseed*, *Landmark Turf & Native Seed*, *Lebanon Turf*, *Mountain View Seeds*, *Proseeds Marketing Inc/Alliance Seed Co*, *Scott's Miracle-Gro*, and *SiteOne Landscape Supply*.

In addition to these companies, *Grass Roots* and *Paige Electric Co* are also Premier Sponsors but they split their support evenly between Bill and Bruce. Bill is also responsible for *A-List* sponsoring

our Grand Reception and for *Barenburg* being an Eagle Sponsor. Bruce reached out to *Harrell's* and *NuFarm* and they moved up to becoming Eagle Sponsors. The list of additional sponsors is extensive and comes from all parts of the industry because they know their support of the Classic helps every part of the industry.

Once the Classic starts, everyone knows they will spend the day enjoying it from start to finish and several people stay long after the official festivities are complete. The only unknown is what the weather will be. Dr. Meyer takes control of the weather and so far he has done a great job. I am expecting the weather for this Classic to be the GREAT!



Monday, August 16, 2021 25th Anniversary Celebration

If playing golf on great courses, enjoying fabulous food on the course and at the Grand Reception, finally getting to meet and greet your friends, receiving a 25th Anniversary tee prize, bidding on over 125 Silent Auction prizes, and spending time with the world renowned scientists for the Center for Turfgrass Science sounds good, then this is an event not to be missed. Contact Cece Peabody and signup today.

You will be joining a fundraiser, that because of COVID was last held in 2019 when 402 people played golf and over \$130,000 was raised. The success of this fundraiser is shared between all of the amazing sponsors listed in this article and every other sponsor and attendee. In addition to those supporters, the Classic would never have reached this level and would never have sustained this level of success without the efforts of Dr. Clarke, Dr. Meyer, the scientists at the CTS, the NJTA / NJTA Foundation BODs, and Executive Director, Cece Peabody and her staff. I think one of the reasons for such support is that every dollar raised will go to the Center for Turfgrass Science as has always been the case. These dollars have helped to maintain the level of staffing that the Center has needed to be the best in the world.

If you have not yet, you will also get to meet Dr. Jim Murphy and Dr. Stacy Bonos. Most people know Jim and Stacy, but they are taking over for Bill and Bruce as director and co-director of the Center for Turfgrass Science. I have been reassured by both of these legends that they will still be involved in helping with the Classic. This is their “baby” and now as proud grandparents they will still be needed for help and guidance.

Remember to put this event on your calendar for August 16, 2021.

Monday, August 16, 2021

25th Anniversary Celebration

Rutgers Golf Classic

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25th Rutgers Research Golf Classic Event Anniversary Monday, August 16, 2021

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SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

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- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast for All & Driving Range Open
- 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Silent Auction Hours
- 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Golf Shotgun - Scramble format (Be on Carts by 10:45 AM)
- Lunch on the Course
- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Grand Reception on Patio
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Greetings NJTA members,

NEW JERSEY TURFGRASS FOUNDATION NEWS

2020 will certainly be remembered as a year unlike any other in our lifetimes. As a membership, we certainly have missed not having the Rutgers Golf Classic, the Rutgers Field Days and now the New Jersey Green Expo. Despite not being able to hold any of our fundraisers this year in person, I would like to share some great news with everyone.

WE WERE STILL able to fund some research projects that are vital to the continuing pursuit of great turf in the state of New Jersey and surrounding areas. As a result of the generosity of our many sponsors, the NJ Turf Foundation was able to fund the following projects:

(1) Drs. Albrecht Koppenhofer and Matt Elmore's research titled "Optimizing the use of annual bluegrass weevil to control annual bluegrass in creeping bent grass fairways" will receive \$6,500 per year for the next two years. This project will provide crucial information necessary for the transformation of a major insect pest of golf fairways into a biological weed management agent.

(2) The 2nd project funded is for Drs. Matt Elmore and Bingru Huang of Rutgers, and Dr. Aaron Patton of Purdue University titled "Understanding False-Green Kyllinga biology for integrated management in cool season turf." False-green kyllinga is fast becoming a serious issue in New Jersey and surrounding states on golf courses. This research will assist in aiding the understanding of managing this weed in cool season turf. The NJTF can fund this research at the requested \$10,000 per year for the next two years.

The Foundation is currently working on the funding structure to support a Turfgrass Graduate Student on an annual basis for eternity. Thereby, giving the Turfgrass program another vital instrument to attract the best people in the world to continue their education at Rutgers.

Having the financial ability to continue funding critical research at the Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Research in a year with very limited revenues coming in is a testament to the many members and Allied Partners that have a vested interest in the program and research.

So, on behalf of the Board of Trustees for the New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation, THANK YOU!

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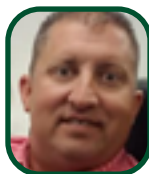
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If you have interest or questions, please reach out to any of our board members or our Executive Director.
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Thanks!

2021 EVENTS

NOTE: Both Field Days will be held at Hort Farm 2, New Brunswick, NJ

Tuesday, July 27, 2021
Rutgers Turfgrass Research
Field Day 1:
Golf & Fine Turf

Wednesday, July 28, 2021
Rutgers Turfgrass Research
Field Day 2:
Lawn, Landscape and Sports Fields Managers and SFMANJ Trade Show

Monday, August 16, 2021
Rutgers Turfgrass Research
Golf Classic
Fiddler's Elbow Country Club
Bedminster, NJ

25th
Anniversary

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 -
Thursday, December 9, 2021
46th Annual Green Expo
Turf & Landscape Conference
The Borgata Hotel & Casino
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