



## Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association

After several years of struggling to operate administratively, the Colorado Turfgrass Foundation (CTF) Board of Directors voted to dissolve the Foundation as of December 31, 2012.

The purpose of the Foundation, formerly the Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Foundation, was to solicit, receive, administer and disburse gifts, legacies, devises, and conveyances of real and personal property for the advancement of turfgrass management and turfgrass managers within the State of Colorado.

Formed in 1984, the Foundation has given over \$460,000.00 in turfgrass related research grants and \$160,700 in scholarships to students in university environmental horticulture, landscape and other turfgrass management programs. Since the Foundation received its grant research monies from proceeds from the Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association's (RMRTA) Annual Conference and Trade Show, the RMRTA will oversee the Jackie Butler Memorial Student Scholarship fund. The Butler scholarship honors Dr. Jack D. Butler, the first turfgrass professor and specialist at Colorado State University known for his commitment to professionalism and his pursuit of excellence in the turf industry. He was admired as a scholar, teacher, advisor, colleague and friend to many. His turfgrass research is recognized both nationally and internationally.

A Research and Scholarship committee has been formed in RMRTA to take over the former CTF function of reviewing university research proposals and award-

ing scholarships. The committee is made up of former CTF board members and RMRTA board members with Kevin Sjurson, former CTF treasurer, of the Homestead Golf Course serving as chair.

Sjurson said, "Although the Colorado Turfgrass Foundation will no longer exist, its purpose and good work will continue through the Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association's research and scholarship committee".

### Free Breakfast for members

A Free breakfast for CALCP members was held on Feb. 13 at The Ranch Country Club featuring Laura Pottorff and Sky Stephens as speakers. Laura, Program Manager for Nursery, Phyto, Greenhouse, and Seed with Col. Dept. of Ag. spoke on "Emerald Ash Bore: ID, damage in other states, how it moves, preparations and financial impacts, federal quarantine procedures." Sky, Entomologist with the State Forest Service, discussed "What's next: a look at the 2012 fires and Colorado's forest recovery."

83 people attended the FREE program which was a member benefit.

### King Fellowship awarded to Riverside Cemetery

Our Riverside Cemetery has been selected by the Kenneth King Foundation as the research site for the 2013 King Fellowship through The Center for Colorado and the West at Auraria Library. University of Colorado Denver history graduate student, Jasmine Armstrong has been named the 2013 King Fellow assigned to

oversee the Riverside Cemetery research. Jasmine has spent the last two years with the National Park Service at the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site in Washington, D.C.; she will be researching the ethnic diversity represented at Riverside and the contributions those populations made to early Denver and Colorado as well as documenting efforts on the Riverside Revival. This is a wonderful honor and we are ever so grateful to The Kenneth King Foundation for selecting Riverside Cemetery. More about the Riverside Cemetery King Fellowship .

### Legal Shield-new CALCP benefit—NEW PHONE NUMBER

CALCP has partnered with Legal Shield to provide members who choose to participate with 24/7 legal advise for personal as well as business issues. Last year LegalShield provider law firms responded to over 2 million member calls about everyday life and business events including:

Real Estate, Landlord/Tenant Issues and Short Sales and Foreclosures - Consumer Finance - Family Law - Traffic Issues - Collections - ID theft related and thousands of business request from 40,000 small business members.

David Quackenbush, the only authorized CALCP representative, will personally review your requirements and the options available to you, your family, your business, and employees. Call David today at **303 766-3656** or go to [www.lawncarecolorado.org](http://www.lawncarecolorado.org).



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## **CSU Career Day**

CALCP was a sponsor again for the Student Career Day held at CSU Campus on Feb. 5 when over 750 students visited various exhibitors and held interviews for full and part time positions. These students are involved in the horticulture, environmental horticulture and landscape architecture programs at CSU. This has been an annual event for many years and was a combined effort with the Natural Resources Career Fair.



CALCP celebrated 25 years of sponsoring the Spring Training Conference by serving cake to all attendees on Tuesday, March 5. Photo shows past presidents and past Golden Gun recipients who attended the STC. (others were not in attendance). From 1989 to 2000, the conference was held at the Jefferson County fairgrounds, then it moved to the Aurora Event Center for 3 years (2001-03). Then it was moved to the Holiday Inn at Chambers & I-70 for 2004-2008 and has been at the current location of the Ramada Plaza Hotel since 2009.

### BMP Training

BMP Training and testing has been set for March 6 in Castle Rock and its on the GreenCO calendar. With Centennial and Highlands Ranch Metro District also on board, we will be scheduling training there too. Please check the GreenCO website for those updates at [www.greenco.org](http://www.greenco.org). There will likely be 2 this spring in Castle Rock and possibly another one in April.

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### Calendar of Events

**March 8-20**-CALCP Office closed.

**March 20**-8:00 GreenCO Legislative Committee at ALCC's office. Call 303 757-5611.

**April 3**-8:00 GreenCO Legislative Committee at ALCC's office. Call 303 757-5611.

**April 3-14**-CALCP Office closed.

**April 17**-8:00 GreenCO Legislative Committee at ALCC's office. Call 303 757-5611.

**April 19**-all day CALCP Day-of-Service at Riverside Cemetery. Call 303 850-7587.

**May 1**-8:00 GreenCO Legislative Committee at ALCC's office. Call 303 757-5611.

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### Chuckles

It is better to bite our tongue than to let it bite someone else.

Before repeating anything a little bird told you, be sure it wasn't a cuckoo.

There is no happiness for people when it comes at the expense of other people.

A secret is either too good to keep or it isn't worth keeping.

Any faucet can turn the water on, but after a few years, only a good faucet will turn it off. The same applies to human tongues.

A gossip is a fool with a keen sense of rumor.

We should never get caught in our own mouthtrap.