

A Message from our President ~ by Scott VanWyk

It may seem hard to believe, but the two benchmark events signaling the waning days of summer for our Landscape Association, Summer Field Day and the Scholarship Golf Outing. And already next month the weather sage George Lessons will address our members with his annual "Winter Forecast" talk, set for September 22 at GreenMark Equipment. Where has summer gone?

As is usual in our industry, summer means not only bright summer days, hamburgers on the grill and ice cream, but also longer days at the jobsite and in the office. Clients are clamoring for completion dates, and as landscape professionals, we will do what we can and what we must to service our clients.

Hopefully, many of you have had a chance to slip away for a much-needed vacation or trip. We all need to recharge. In a way, Summer Field Day and the Golf Outing offer a mini-break where we can learn, exchange ideas, visit, and catch up with our vendor partners.

To all of our Association members, I wish you a safe, enjoyable & prosperous finish to the Summer of 2016!

2016 AGRLP Arbor Day

On Friday, April 29, the AGRLP participated in the "Let's Green Grand Rapids" Arbor Day Celebration. Along with the Grand Rapids Urban Forest, the City of Grand Rapids and the Friends of Grand Rapids Parks, the AGRLP helped plant 136 trees at the Mulick Park Neighborhood in southeast Grand Rapids.



Summer 2016 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:
Snow & Ice Meeting
@ GreenMark Equipment
Thursday, September 22

2016
Winter Learning Series
Full Days - 8 credits
(November 17 &
December 8)
1/2 Day - 4 credits
(November 30)

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NEW AGRLP MEMBERS IN 2016

Welcome! to our new
Members:

- ~ Caledonia Rental (Caledonia)
- ~ Show Span (Grand Rapids)
- ~ Woodland Equipment (Grand Rapids)
- ~ Spaans Landscape Mgt (Grand Rapids)

Pesticide Training

We have been hearing a lot about the pesticide test being hard to pass now days. Here is the link to the training program site through MSU.

http://www.ipm.msu.edu/pesticide_education_safety/seminars. In the winter there are exam review specific classes that you can go to and then take the tests right on site after the review class.

2016 Party for the Planet

On Saturday, May 7, the AGRLP participated in the "Party for the Planet" at the John Ball Zoo downtown Grand Rapids. The AGRLP handed out 500 Norway Spruce seedlings. 2500 people attended the event.



April Compliance Meeting

The AGRLP "Compliance Meeting" was held at BFG Supply on March 23. A Michigan State Motor Carrier Officer educated our group on the rules for truck, trailer, etc. MDARD's, Jennifer Reay educated our group on pesticides and road safety rules.



US 131 Billboard

Here is a picture of our billboard that went up in the beginning of May 2016. It was located on US-131 north of 54th Street (southbound on the east side). Hope you were able to see it. The billboard was up for one month. If you received any new customer calls from the billboard, please let us know.



Proud of one of our AGRLP members.....

Woodland Tree Services, Inc. congratulate, and are proud to announce that our own, Lucas Drews, climbing I.S.A. Certified Arborist, as represented the Michigan Chapter, Arboriculture Society of Michigan at the International Tree Climbing Championship held in San Antonio, TX, April 2 & 3, 2016. There he competed against 43 other top male climbers from all over the world. He placed 3rd in the preliminary competition, which consists of 5 events. Competitors are scored individually in each event-Aerial Rescue, Work Climb, Secured Footlock, Belayed Speed Climb, and Throwline. The competitor with the highest score is the winner of that event. There they move on to the Master's, with a clean slate. There he took 4th place with a score of 193.33 points, just .67 points behind the French competitor that took 3rd Place! The top male placers were: Top 5 Competitors- End results –5th: Derrik Martin - Penn Del; 3rd – Jerome Pagny - France; 4th - Lucas Drews – Michigan; 1st -James Kilpatrick – New Zealand; 2nd –Barton-Allen Hall – Australia.

Here is the link that the I.S.A. posted to their video of his Master's climb.

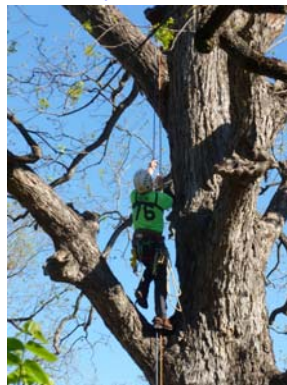
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByTPb3hk0SE&feature=share> By the way, the next Michigan Tree Climbing Comp will be in Midland, on Sept. 17.

What a tree climbing comp is all about:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpG6zK4cPhM&feature=youtu.be>



Masters Finalist



2016 Scholarship Golf Outing

On Friday, August 5 the AGRLP held their Scholarship Golf Outing at Thornapple Pointe Golf Course. Congratulations to our winning team, the team from Eco Green Supply. 2nd place the team from Chuck's Landscape and 3rd place the team from Precision Landscape. The "Closest to the Pin" winner was Jake DeeWaard from the Mason Dynamic team and the "Longest Drive" winner was Jim Stewart from the Precision Landscape team. The AGRLP raised approximately \$1,928 to give away next February at the Awards Banquet.

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OUR 2016 WINNING TEAM FROM ECO GREEN SUPPLY

