



# News

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Steve Yarish, recently retired from Agfinity (formerly American Pride Coop) after over three decades, was recognized with the Golden Gun award at the 27th annual Spring Training Conference held on March 3 & 4, 2015 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. His plaque read, "Stalwart of the Green Industry for over three decades". Steve grew up in Denver metro area and went to CSU when during the summers he drove a neighborhood ice cream truck and worked in a denture factory. He worked for Adams County Extension Service for 2 years before joining American Fertilizer/ Adams County Coop in April 1979 as a sales rep. It later became known as American Pride in mid 1980's and in 2012 became Agfinity. He decided to retire in Dec. 2014 and shortly after his wife Kelly of 29 years experienced some serious health issues. They have lived in Brighton for over 20 years and have one son, Nick who is married and lives in Littleton. Congratulations, Steve!

#### President's Message

**Emilie Hudson**

THANK YOU to all who were a part of making our Spring Training Conference a huge success! Thank you to our speakers, our exhibitors, our board, our members and other attendees. I hope each of you that attended came away with valuable information that you can take back to your coworkers, clients and community.

Please join us at our next event: The PLANET Day of Service on April 24 at Riverside Cemetery. We have many volunteers on board and would appreciate seeing you there as we continue our work for the ....see page 3.

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## Spring Training Conference

It was another record year for CALCP's 27th Spring Training Conference that was held March 3 & 4, 2015 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. Over 337 people attended, making it one of the largest in our history. Classes were offered for credits in Laws & Regs (2), core credits (5), turf 206 (5), ornamental (4), Right of Way, Rangeland, Aquatic, Forestry and Ag Weed. In addition to these our keynote speaker, Sherry Ray, a former woman race car driver, talked about "Dealing with Conflict being easier than you ever thought", and two other classes were well received but did not get credits from CDA: Snow Contracts by Kevin Gilbride from the Accredited Snow Contractors Association, and a program on GIS Mapping by David Siddle from Compass Tools, Inc.

25 exhibitors showed their most up-to-date products and services during the breaks to the attendees. 14 new CALCP members joined the organization and numerous others re-newed their membership. The new CALCP logo was prevalent throughout the show with new window decals given to all members for their vehicles. Members also received their 2014-15 membership certificates and notepads. **Those not attending should receive these items in the mail shortly.**

Several handouts were given to attendees including info on the Emerald Ash Borer from the industry task force and info on the pollinator protection issue from RISE.

## CALCP revamped website

The CALCP board has recently updated and revised our website to a more modern look. It is easy to navigate and has a lot of info there for members as well as the general public. All current members are listed on a site map or can be located by using an address, city, state or zip code.

We have also established a Facebook account and will be posting news items on there for your review. Please go to [www.treeandlawncareCO.org](http://www.treeandlawncareCO.org) and check it out and while you are there, please "like" us on Facebook. We need all of our members to "like" us in order to have a more prominent position.

We will soon be able to post job descriptions on the "employment opportunities" page. So if you have a job opening, you can contact the office and submit a paragraph description of positions to be posted for 30 days for FREE.

Under the "Info and tips" menu, there is info for your customers including monthly lawn tips, how to select a professional and info about insects, EAB, and other articles.

[www.treeandlawncareCO.org](http://www.treeandlawncareCO.org)

### New CALCP email address:

CALCP@treeandlawncareCO.org  
Remove:  
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Please make this correction in your database and email addresses.

## President's message cont...

Fairmount Heritage Foundation. Also, please browse through the new website and "like us" on Facebook for updates and information. Go to [www.treeandlawncareco.org](http://www.treeandlawncareco.org)

It is evident that we will continue facing some challenges as we approach the season. My hope is that you came away with information that will assist you in being a steward of the industry and we, as an industry, can continue serving our clients and providing the value that our communities have come to rely on.

I wish you all a safe and prosperous 2015 season and thank you all for your continued support of CALCP.

## Water smart phone app

CALCP, ALCC and the Colorado Water Wise Council have partnered to develop a new smart phone app for your phones to help you keep abreast of water restrictions all over the state. It will be available soon and include landscape and water rules at your fingertips. The plan is for crews to be able to pull up the app, put in info about your location, and get the current rules, codes, ordinances, etc about the property where you are working. Watch your Facebook and emails for announcements of when it will be available to download to your phones.

**COMING THIS SPRING!**

### Legislative Committee starts

The GreenCO legislative committee meets every other week during the legislative session.

They will follow bills introduced in both the House and Senate that affect small business and the landscape industry in particular.

Thanks to Vince Distrola from Davey Tree Expert Company who is the CALCP rep to this committee and devotes many hours to reviewing legislation that might affect your bottom line.

The Senate Agriculture Committee has reviewed the Pesticide Applicator Act and it has passed out of the Senate. The bill is now in the **House Ag** committee waiting for a calendar date to be set. We fear that strong opposition in the House from the Colorado Pesticide Reform Coalition may occur and are preparing testimony in support of the bill.

The Coloradans for Responsible Pesticide Application coalition group has been meeting to provide feedback to DORA and provide a solidified front from many industries that use pesticides. They will continue to provide assistance and guidance and publicity when and where needed til the applicator act is passed.

We are hopeful that our combined efforts and cooperation with CDA and DORA will prevail during the next few weeks of hearings and discussion. Your membership dues are at work on this issue. Stay tuned.

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### Calendar of Events:

**March 10**—GreenCO Legislative Committee meeting at ALCC office. Call 303 757-5611.

**March 15-20**— CALCP office closed.

**March 24**—GreenCO board meeting via phone. Call 303 758-6672.

**March 24**—GreenCO Legislative Committee meeting at ALCC office. Call 303 757-5611.

**April 7-14**—CALCP office closed.

**April 7**—GreenCO Legislative Committee meeting at ALCC office. Call 303 757-5611.

**April 21**—GreenCO Legislative Committee meeting at ALCC office. Call 303 757-5611.

**April 24** — Day of Service starting at 8:00 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery. Workers, hand tools, spreaders, tree equipment needed. Free lunch. Call 303 850-7587.

**April 25 to May 4**—CALCP office closed.

**May 5**—GreenCO Legislative Committee meeting at ALCC office. Call 303 757-5611.

**July 16**—CALCP board meeting at the home of Rick Roehm. Call 303 850-7587.

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**Keep your sights fixed in the distance and your hands busy up close.**

**Look at the past, learn from it, and then move on.**

**If someone confides in you, keep a secret.**