Matthew Ceplo Awarded 2011 GSA New York Environmental Stewardship Award

Matthew J. Ceplo, CGCS, NYSTA member and golf course superintendent at Rockland Country Club in Sparkill, New York was this year's recipient of the 2011 GSA New York Environmental Stewardship Award.

Global Sports Alliance (GSA) is a global network of sports enthusiasts that want to leave a healthy environment for future generations. Presented annually, the New York Environmental Stewardship Award is "given to an individual who demonstrates an exceptional commitment to protecting the environment in the management of a recreational or sports venue."

GSA participated in the Environmental Day celebration in Rockland County, New York on May 15, hosted by the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (RCSWMA). The 2011 GSA New York Environmental Stewardship Award was presented at the closing ceremonies by GSA New York Team Captain Kevin Trotta.

"Matt has distinguished himself as a pioneer, a practitioner/researcher and a leader in the progressive management of the golf course. He points the way to the future of the game by maintaining the social and economic integrity of the golf course while resolutely defending environmental quality. His many years of involvement and promotion of Audubon International's Cooperative Sanctuary Program and his pursuit of sustainable practices have earned him the respect of his industry and the respect of GSA New York," said Trotta.