**Sports Turf Happenings**

**Chapter Events**

**The Mid-South Chapter STMA**
The Mid-South Chapter will hold a Field day at Memphis University School in Memphis on December 16, 1998. Registration opens at 8:15 AM with morning educational sessions beginning at 8:30 AM. Afternoon events will include on-field demonstrations on re-doing a grass infield, building a pitching mound and discussing various soil amendments.

Plans also are moving forward for a January Field Day, with the date and location to be announced soon.

For information on these events, the Chapter, or other pending activities, contact: Chip Houmes at (901) 377-5081, Jim Calhoun at (901) 755-1305 or Robert Bodi at (901) 383-2414.

**The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association**
ISTMA will again participate in the Iowa Turfgrass Conference which will be held January 25-27, 1999, at the Des Moines Convention Center. A special sports turf "track" of educational sessions will be held from 8:30 AM through 4:00 PM on January 25th, from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM on January 26th and from 8:00 AM to 11:45 AM on January 27th. ISTMA will hold its annual meeting from 3:00 to 4:00 PM on January 26th.

The General Session on the morning of January 26th will feature Keynote Speaker, Gerry Sweda, Sweda Training, from 10:15 to 11:30 AM, addressing, "How Could a Job That Felt So Good in the Past, Feel So Bad Today." A two hour Continuing Pesticide Instructional Course begins at 1:30 PM on January 27th.

For more information on this event, the Iowa Chapter or other upcoming activities, contact: Lori Westrum at The Turf Office at (515) 232-8222 (phone) or (515) 232-8228 (fax).

**Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO Chapter STMA)**
KAFMO/STMA members are encouraged to attend the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council’s Eastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Show. January 7, 1999, will feature four hours of athletic field related seminars and four hours of trade show.

On February 19,1999, KAFMO/STMA will sponsor an Athletic Field Conference in Grantville, PA, featuring seminars and vendor displays. Presentation topics will include: drainage, liability, sprayer calibration, low budget turf care, innovative establishment systems, and more.

On March 23, 1999, KAFMO/STMA is co-sponsoring the Northwestern Pennsylvania Athletic Field, Turf and Ornamental Conference in Meadville, PA. Contact Jeff Fowler at 814/437-7607 for details on this event.

For information on these upcoming events or the KAFMO Chapter STMA, contact: Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at (610) 375-8469, extension 212.

**The Great Lakes Sports Turf Managers Association (GLSTMA)**
GLSTMA has elected its board for 1999. President is Boyd Montgomery, Sylvania Recreation; Immediate Past President is Joe Zelinko, Athletic Field Services; President Elect is Duane Smith, Baldwin Wallace College; Vice President Commercial is Dave Conover, Conover Supply Company; Secretary is Karen Zelinko, Athletic Field Services; and Treasurer is Allen Weirauch, Liberty Center Schools. This board will serve from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

For information on the GLSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, contact: Joe Zelinko at (800) 897-9714 or Boyd Montgomery at (419) 885-1982.

**The Mid-Atlantic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA)**
For information on the MAFMO Chapter or upcoming activities, contact the Hotline: (410) 290-5652.

**Florida Chapter #1: STMA**
For information on the Florida Chapter or pending activities, contact: John Mascaro at (954) 341-3115.

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The Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association
For information on the NorCal STMA Chapter or pending activities, contact: Sal Genito, UC Davis, at (530) 752-1691.

Southern California Chapter: STMA
For more information on the Southern California Chapter or pending activities, contact: The Chapter Hotline: (1-888) 578-STMA (toll free in Southern California).

Midwest Chapter: STMA
For information on the Midwest Chapter or pending activities, call: The Chapter Hotline (847) 622-3517.

Minnesota Chapter: STMA
For information on the Minnesota Chapter or pending activities, contact: Connie Rudolph at (651) 646-1679.

Colorado Chapter
For information on the Colorado Chapter or upcoming activities, call the 24-Hour CSTMA Chapter Hotline/FAX: (303) 438-9645.

The Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA)
For information on MiSTMA events or the Chapter, contact: Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools, at (616) 395-2364.

Chapters On The Grow
Texas - A new chapter is taking shape -- the North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association. They will hold a breakfast meeting at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, December 15th at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Fort Worth, in conjunction with the Texas Turfgrass Association Conference.

For information on this event, contact: Rene Asprion, Diamond Pro, at (800) 228-2987 or Tom Welch, CSM, Central Garden and Pet, at (800) 788-9581.

Arizona - The Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona will be taking an active part in the STMA 10th Annual Conference & Exposition to be held January 13 - 17, 1999 at the Sheraton Mesa hotel in Mesa, Arizona. Area sports turf facilities will be featured in the Seminar on Wheels tours on the 13th and 17th. Trade Show hours are from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM on January 14th and from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM on January 15th. Other events on the 13th through the 16th include general and break-out educational sessions, interactive roundtable discussions, and the annual awards banquet. For information on the Conference, contact STMA Headquarters at (800) 323-3875.

For information on the Chapter or other upcoming events, contact: Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department, at (602) 994-7954, or Kris Kircher, City of Chandler Parks & Recreation Department at (602) 786-2728.

Indiana - The newly forming Indiana Chapter of the STMA has elected the following officers: President - Ron Clites; President-Elect - Don Rowley; Commercial Vice President - Terry Updike; Secretary - Pat Hickner; and Treasurer - Jim Dayhuff. This board will be meeting in December to set the event schedule for 1999.

For information on this developing chapter and pending activities, contact: Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at (219) 356-8424 or Pat Hickner at (800) 672-4273.

Wisconsin - For information on the newly forming Wisconsin Chapter, contact: Rich Riggs, R. H. Rettler & Associates, Inc. at (715) 341-2633.

Nevada - For information on the forming Nevada Chapter of STMA or upcoming events, contact: Ibsen Dow at (702) 649-1551 or Alan Paulson, Clark County School District, at (702) 799-8724.

Great Plains Sports Turf Managers Association - For information on the Great Plains Sports Turf Managers Association or other upcoming activities, contact: Mark Schimming, City of Wichita, at (316) 337-9123.

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