Sports Turf Happenings

Chapter Events

The North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association
NTSTMA will meet on June 14 at the Ballpark in Arlington, home of the Texas Rangers Baseball Club. For information on the North Texas Chapter or pending activities, contact: Rene Asprion, Diamond Pro, at (800) 228-2987 or Dr. James McAfee, Texas A & M University, at (972) 952-9220, or log onto www.ntstma.org to check out the website.

The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association
The Iowa Chapter will hold a Field Maintenance Workshop at Iowa State University on June 21 with registration beginning at 8:00 AM. Four concurrent sessions are on the morning program: Dr. Dave Minner with Mowing Principles and Demonstrations; Mike Andresen with Aeration Principles and Demonstrations; Don Larson with Topdressing Principles and Demonstrations; and Dale Roe with Painting Principles and Demonstrations. Next on the program will be lunch with the “Vendors on Parade.” During the afternoon session, from 1:30 to 4:00 PM, 30 minute presentations at five separate stations will be repeated five times, allowing participants to visit each station. The stations are: Calibrating Spreaders, Calibrating Sprayers, Irrigation Repairs, Renovation Seeding Principles, and the Vendor area.

The Chapter also will participate in the Iowa Turfgrass Field Day on July 13 at the ISU Horticulture Research Station in Ames, Iowa.

The Iowa/Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Chapter Challenge will be in Des Moines, Iowa, with the Golf Challenge on July 14 and the Softball Challenge on July 15.

For information on the Iowa Chapter or upcoming activities, contact: Lori Westrum at The Turf Office at (515) 232-8222 (phone) or (515) 232-8228 (fax) or e-mail: Lori@iowaturfgrass.org.

The Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association
MiSTMA will hold its Annual Summer Conference on June 22 at the West Ottawa Public Schools in Holland, MI.

The Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association and MiSTMA will hold a joint Tour on Wheels on July 18. Sites will include the new Comerica Park, two high school locations with Birmingham Public Schools, and winding up the tour by catching the game between Detroit and Cincinnati.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, contact: Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools, at (616) 395-2364 or click on your computer to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter’s NEW website.

The Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association
TVSTMA will hold a Seminar in conjunction with the Tennessee Turfgrass Association on June 27 at the University of Tennessee’s Neyland Stadium in Knoxville. Registration opens at 8:00 AM. Events begin at 8:45 AM. Sessions will focus on Diseases, Insects, Weeds, New Products and Application Technologies.

For information on the TVSTMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc. at (931) 380-0023 or (800) 837-8062.

The Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona
The Arizona Chapter will meet in Tucson on June 29. Along with educational sessions, events include a tour of the Rainbird Irrigation Plant. Events conclude with the 7:00 PM ballgame of the Tucson Sidewinders, AAA affiliate of continued on page 11

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the Arizona Diamondbacks. July and September meetings are in the planning stages.

For information on upcoming events, contact: Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Park, Recreation and Facilities Manager, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or phone: (480) 312-7954.

The Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association

The Gateway Chapter is planning a June meeting at John Burroughs School. Irrigation management will be the meeting focus. More information will be announced soon.

For information on upcoming events or on the chapter, contact: Jim Anthony, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, at: (314) 977-3228.

Indiana Chapter: STMA

The Indiana Chapter is helping coordinate the July 11th Multi-Chapter Meeting to be held at the University of Notre Dame campus. The morning’s educational sessions will be followed by lunch and an afternoon tour of the athletic fields and facilities conducted by Dale Getz, CSFM.

For information on the Indiana Chapter or pending activities, contact: Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at (219) 356-8424 or Pat Hickner at (800) 672-4273.

Minnesota Chapter: STMA

The Iowa/Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Chapter Challenge will be in Des Moines, Iowa, with the Golf Challenge on July 14 and the Softball Challenge on July 15. The Minnesota Chapter’s annual Tour on Wheels will be held on July 26th. Already on the agenda are a stop at St. Olaf College to check out the new softball field and closing the event by attending the evening St. Paul Saints game.

For information on the Minnesota Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Ron Werner at (507) 634-1176.

The Great Lakes Sports Turf Managers Association (GLSTMA)

GLSTMA and MiSTMA will hold a joint Tour on Wheels on July 18. Sites will include the new Comerica Park and two high school locations with Birmingham Public Schools. Attendees will end the day by catching the game between the Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati.

GLSTMA will participate in two August events: the Ohio State University Extension Day at Owens Community College on August 2, and the Ohio Turf Foundation Research Day at the OTF Research Center in Columbus on August 9.

For information on the GLSTMA Chapter, the Chapter’s Field of the Year Program, or upcoming events, contact: Joe Zelinko at (800) 897-9714 or Boyd Montgomery at (419) 885-1982 extension 50, or click on your computer to www.glstma.org to visit the chapter’s website.

Florida Chapter #1: STMA

The Florida Chapter will meet on July 18 at the Town of Lantana. The Education theme is Overseeding Sports Fields and Maintaining High Wear Athletic Field Areas. A tour of the Town of Lantana’s athletic fields will be included in the program.

The Florida Chapter also will have a booth at the Florida Turfgrass Association meeting on August 15 and 16.

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

The Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association

The Colorado Chapter is planning its second annual Seminar on Wheels. Also in the planning stage is an August 3 Football Seminar at Folsom Field on the University of Colorado campus.

For information on the Colorado Chapter or upcoming activities, log on to the Chapter’s Web site: www.cstma.org or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline: (303) 346-8954.

Midwest Chapter: STMA

The Midwest Chapter is helping coordinate the July 11th Multi-Chapter Meeting to be held at the University of Notre Dame campus. The morning’s educational sessions will be followed by lunch and an afternoon tour of the athletic fields and facilities conducted by Dale Getz, CSFM.

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

The Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association

The next Northern California Chapter event is the annual Fall Seminar, “The Greatest Show on Turf.” It will be held on August 8 at the San Jose Municipal Stadium, home of the San Jose Giants, a SF Giants farm club. Scheduled activities include: sports field maintenance demonstrations, vendor exhibits, and attendance at the ball game between the San Jose Giants and the Stockton Ports.

For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter or pending events, contact Janet Gift at 530/758-4200.

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**Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA)**

KAFMO will help sponsor a Summer Field Day on August 16 at the Brandywine Picnic Park in Pocopson, Pennsylvania. The theme is Everything for Athletic Fields. Events will include: Equipment Demonstrations, Test Plots, Panel Discussions and an all you can eat Pig Roast.

For information on the KAFMO/STMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at (610) 375-8469, extension 212 or via the chapter e-mail address: kafmo@aol.com.

**The Mid-Atlantic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA)**

The MAFMO Chapter is planning an August Seminar on Sports Field Design & Construction. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the MAFMO Chapter or pending activities, contact the Hotline: (410) 290-5652.

**Southern California Chapter: STMA**

The SO-CAL Chapter will meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at Filippi’s at 9969 Mira Mesa Blvd. in San Diego.

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

**Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association**

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

**The Mid-South Chapter STMA**

For information on the Mid-South Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Robert Bodi at TURF419@aol.com or Jim Calhoun at (901) 755-1305.

**Chapters On The Grow**

**Nebraska** - A new Chapter is taking shape in Nebraska. A meeting will be held on June 15 at the Smith Softball Complex in Hastings.

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact: Greg Bostelman, City of Grand Island, at (308) 385-5426.

**New York** - A chapter is developing in Central New York. The group will meet at 10:30 AM on the first Wednesday of each month at the National Soccer Hall of Fame.

Interested? Want more information? Contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, via e-mail at Kevin@wpe.com or by phone at (607) 432-2953.

**Kansas City, Missouri - Kansas area**. For information on MO-KAN STMA, the newly forming Chapter, or on upcoming events, contact: Trevor Vance at 816/504-4271; Gary Custis at 816/460-6215; Jay Sutton at 816/795-8873, or Jody Gill at 913/681-4121.

**New Jersey** - For information on the forming chapter or upcoming events, contact: Jim Gavigan, Lesco, at (732) 248-8979 or Eleanor Murfitt, Director, Township of Clinton Parks & Recreation Department, at (908) 735-5999.

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