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Managers Association
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SFMANJ BUSINESS
Our chapter’s First Field Day was held at Commerce Bank
Ballpark in Bridgewater (Patriot's Stadium), on June 22. The
event was a great success, educating and feeding 95 potential
sports field managers.

Head Grounds Keeper, Ray Cipperly’s instruction on infield
maintenance was very informative. Rutgers Plant Science
specialist, Dr. Steve Hart gave an interesting lesson on weed
identification and control. Extension Specialist in Turf Grass
Management at Cook College, Rutgers University, Dr. Murphy
demonstrated how aeration affects turf growth.

Many thanks to everyone who was involved in making this
successful day happen.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

SFMANJ
August 21, 3:30pm - Next Board meeting will be held at Rutgers
University. If you are interested in working with a committee
call Jim Gavigan at 732-248-8979.

STMA
January 7,8,9 – National Conference in Las Vegas. The SAFE
Scholarship committee will be allocating up to $15,000 for the
2001 scholarships and related travel to the STMA Conference
in Las Vegas. Contact STMA at 800-323-3875.

RUTGERS – Turfgrass Research Field Days
August 1 – Lawn & Landscape Section
August 2 – Golf & Fine Turf Research Section
For Info. Call Bea Devine 732-821-7134

NJ TURF GRASS ASSOCIATION
December 11 - 13 – Expo Conference at The Taj Mahal in
Atlantic City. Sports Turf Educational session is on the 13th.
For info call Dick Caton at 856-853-5973.

Floyd Perry
August 13-16, 1, 2 and 4 day workshops in Warren, NJ.
SFMANJ members receive 10% discount. 800-227-9381

KAFMO
For Field day info call 610-375-8469

MONTHLY FIELD TIPS
Soil tests should be done at least once per year on
each field. If you haven't done them yet, now is a
good time. The information provided in your soil
test results will help you to determine your fall
fertilizer program. A physical analysis (sand, silt,
clay distribution) of the soil is also helpful if you
anticipate topdressing your fields. This should be
requested, as it is not normally provided in a typical
soil test.

Evaluate fields and determine which fields are in
need of early fall seeding and or complete
renovations. Determine whether weed populations
are such that they will impede or substantially
compete with your seeding program.

Where necessary, apply weed control, 4-6 weeks
in advance of early fall seeding. Take care not to
apply weed control products in temperatures above
80 degrees or to turf under drought stress.

Soccer goalmouth and major field repairs can be
done now but should be limited to those areas that
are absolutely necessary for the continued safety
and playability of the field and can be watered
effectively.

After the close of the spring baseball season home
plate and pitchers mound repairs can be done.

With the fields hard and dry, it is a good time to
grade fields to get rid of depressions and add infield
mix where it is needed.