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SFMANJ Annual Membership Registration Form

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Committed to enhancing the professionalism of athletic field managers in New Jersey by improving the safety, playability and appearance of athletic fields at all levels through seminars, field days, publications and networking with those in the sports turf industry.

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Calendar of Events

3rd Annual SFMANJ Field Day/Outdoor Trade Show and Equipment Demonstration

**When:** August 17, 7:30am to 4pm Trade Show opens 9am., Demos begin 10am.

**Where:** Plainsboro Township DPW, Community Park.

**What:** Educational sessions for Contractors, Landscapers, Parks & Recreation, Irrigation and Sports Field Managers.

**CEU’s are pending**
See front page for more information
Fliers will be sent soon.

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Valuable Lessons in Goose Behavior

*by Mona Zemsky, Marketing Manager, Bird-X, Inc.*

(Phil Whitford, Biology Professor at Capital University and 30-year-veteran researcher of Canada geese) Dr. Whitford has factored the habits of geese into a comprehensive system of deterrence. Here is a sample of his observations:

1. Female geese are the ones you need to move. If she leaves, the male goes with her.

2. The longer geese sit on the nest, the more defensive they become. So begin harassment early in the nesting cycle, such as when the first egg is laid, for maximum disruption before they are fully invested in the nest.

3. In deterring geese, employ more than one element so the birds don’t habituate and return when they think the coast is clear.

4. Strictly visual harassment doesn’t work well with geese. Be sure to add other sensory stimulants, especially sound, to dislodge them.

5. Geese are not stupid. If the timing and duration of harassment methods are totally consistent, they learn when it’s safe to return.

6. Don’t stop the harassment. Follow through long enough so the offending geese relocate elsewhere. If a few return, step up deterrence measures immediately.

7. Ideally, begin disrupting geese in the fall when the first migrants arrive to scout the territory. Deterring them early is easier than later, when they’ve become attached to and comfortable in an area and the infestation has had time to multiply.

The Multifaceted Problem of those Lovel-Looking Canada Geese

- Unsightly environment – more than a pound of offensive droppings produced per goose per day.
- Unhealthy conditions – fecal material can harbor contaminants and bacteria that raise coliform levels in ponds.
- Ruined landscape – gross damage to grass, greenways and pond edging.
- Medical bills and lawsuits – aggressive geese can attack, causing people to slip, trip and fall disastrously. The geese’s messy droppings are similarly hazardous to humans.

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