

PHOENIX FOR CONFERENCE

STMA Annual Conference, Meeting & Trade Show

STMA's 2nd Annual Conference, Meeting and trade show will be held at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona, January 31, 1987. For the 2nd year STMA will be holding its annual meeting as an allied association with the Golf Course Association of America at their International Conference and Trade Show.

Educational Sessions

The educational sessions will be held at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel Saturday January 31, 1987 (8:30-4:30pm). Sessions will feature information and ideas related to many types of sports turf facilities (baseball, football, soccer, softball, polo, horse race tracks, lawn bowling, lawn tennis, croquet, and others). There will be information on field safety, the economics of field construction, step-by-step construction techniques of baseball fields, specialized drainage systems, sports injuries, sports medicine, new ideas and techniques on maintenance and much more. (Early Bird registration forms are in the mail.)

Annual Meeting and Elections

The annual meeting for all members will be held immediately following the educational sessions on Saturday, January 31, 1987 (4:45-5:30pm). All members are encouraged to participate in this meeting in order for the Association to remain strong and to help plan the Association's future. Elections of the Executive Board and Board of Directors will be held during this meeting.

Dinner, Keynote Speaker and Awards Presentation

The annual dinner to raise funds for scholarships, education and research will be held Saturday, January 31, 1987 at 7:30 pm. A famous sports personality will be the keynote speaker at the dinner. The presentation of the Lawn Ranger Award to the sports turf manager who has made the greatest contribution to STMA and the Beam Clay Award to the best baseball facility and sports turf manager will be made. Scholarship Awards to the top two students who are pursuing careers as sports turf managers will also be presented.

Sports Turf Tour

A bus tour to visit sports turf facilities in the Phoenix area will be held on Sunday, February 1, 1987 (8:30am-2:30pm). Tentative sites include the Fiesta Bowl Field and baseball complex at Arizona State University, The Milwaukee Brewers new spring training site at Chandler, a sod nursery, a municipal park and/or Turf Paradise Horse Race Track.

Trade Show

The largest indoor turfgrass trade show will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center (adjacent to the Hyatt-Regency Hotel). Sports turf managers can visit the trade show on Sunday, February 1, 1987 (2:30-5:00pm) and Monday, February 2 (8:00am-1:00pm). The trade show will feature nearly 400 companies who sell or market products, supplies and equipment for all aspects of turf management.

GSCAA's Annual Banquet and Show

The Golf Course Superintendent's Association sponsors their Annual Banquet and Show on Monday, January 2, 1987. Each year top personalities and entertainers are featured at this annual event. Robert Trent Jones, Sr., the renowned golf course architect, will receive the cherished "Old Tom Morris" Award.

Special Airline Rates

Be sure to read the insert on page five regarding airline rates. As a member of STMA you can take advantage of the airline savings that are being offered to the members of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America.

ACT NOW!

...to assure that you obtain reservations for this great opportunity.

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Dream

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a problem area for them. In one case, at an east Atlanta high school, I was questioned by a Player's father that the mound I helped build was too high with too much slope. After showing him the rule book, and going through the measurements step by step, the only thing he could say was, "My son has never pitched from a real pitching mound before."

I have spoken with Atlanta Braves Paul Snyder, Scouting Director; John Sain, Pitching Coach; and Jeff Porter, Assistant Athletic Trainer, and all are in agreement that rule book uniformity is a must for all pitching mounds. All three also agreed that pitching a baseball is a very unnatural physical act. Severe arm and shoulder injuries result if everything, including the mound, are not done correctly.

The cost to build a quality mound is less than \$200 and less than a day's labor for four people. The ongoing daily maintenance of two men is thirty to forty minutes work. Every coach and manager has a rule book. Every one of those books contains pitching mound specifications. When our children take the field for the 1987 baseball season, let's give them what they have needed for a long time: a rule book mound.

They all dream of a career in the Major Leagues. This is one way we all may be able to help them realize that dream.

People in the News

Sam Monson - Facilities Manager for the Minnesota Vikings National Football League Club was selected by the NFL to prepare London's Wembley Stadium for the August 3rd exhibition game between the Chicago Bears and Dallas Cowboys. "London was a grand time. The job went very well and I believe I left a few friends behind." Congratulations Sam! STMA is reaching out to help everywhere.

Tom Mascaro - STMA Honorary member, Turf Consultant, innovator, inventor and sports turf pioneer has done it again. Early in his career he helped bring the aerifier, vertical mower, and good top-dressing material to our industry. Now he has the Verti-Groover! (See Picture, Page Six) This implement when pulled by a tractor will cut 3 vertical grooves into the soil and will allow for better soil drainage

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