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## Sports Turf Institute Returns To Pasadena

LAS VEGAS — The Sports Turf Managers Association, in cooperation with the city of Pasadena, California, will host a sports turf institute at Brookside Park, September 11, 1991.

"This institute is a must for everyone who must maintain athletic fields under restricted water conditions," said Mark Hodnick, association Treasurer and Supervisor of Pasadena Parks and Forestry. "The program provides insight into managing our sports fields under the water use restrictions which have been imposed due to the drought conditions in the western states.

"We have experts in sports turf construction, renovation, irrigation and budgeting on the program to assist our managers with their fields. We even have the expert on what to do when the turf won't grow.

"The Sports Turf Managers Association, offers anyone responsible for maintaining athletic fields in a safe condition an opportunity to learn from the nation's top

experts," said Hodnick.

Speakers and topics scheduled for the California Institute are Mark Doble, Western Sod, "New Sports Turf Construction: Planning for Water Conservation"; Steve Cockerham, Univ. of Calif. Riverside, "Sports Turf Renovation"; Lynda Wightman, Hunter Industries, "Sports Turf Irrigation"; Mark Hodnick, Pasadena Parks and Forestry, "Budget Programming for the Drought"; and Dale Hansen, Kramer Sports Surfaces, "Alternative Solutions: When the Grass Doesn't Grow."

In addition to the educational conference, there will be a one-day exhibition of goods, services and equipment for the sports turf industry.

Conference registration opens at 7:00 a.m. The educational sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Pasadena Brookside Park Golf Course Clubhouse.

Advance conference registration fees are \$55 for Sports Turf Managers Association members, \$75 for non-members and \$20 for

students. Advance registration cut-off date is September 1, 1991. After that date, conference fees are \$65 for association members, \$95 for non-members and \$30 for students.

The California Sports Turf Institute is the eighth in a series of educational sessions for sports turf managers conducted by the Sports Turf Managers Association. Previous institutes have been held at Cal-Poly at Pomona and at Brookside Park, Pasadena. Previous institutes have attracted over 500 persons from the southwest United States.

The Sports Turf Managers Association is a national non-profit association of sports turf maintenance professionals who maintain professional stadiums, parks, educational and institutional playing fields, and other athletic fields.

For more information, contact the Sports Turf Managers Association, PO Box 98056, Las Vegas, Nev. 89193, or call (702) 739-8052.

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### STMA CALENDAR

- September 5 - South Carolina Chapter Workshop, "Soccer Field Maintenance," Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina  
11 - California Regional Sports Turf Institute, Brookside Park, Pasadena, California  
19 - Chesapeake STMA Quarterly Meeting, Columbia, Maryland  
28 - STMA Board Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada
- October 4 - Rocky Mountain Institute, Denver, Colorado  
15 - Mid-West Chapter#1 Workshop "Athletic Field Management of a Multiple Use Facility," Reed-Kepler Park, West Chicago, Illinois  
23 - Northeast Regional Institute, Foxborough Stadium, Massachusetts
- November 7 - Chesapeake Chapter Workshop, Towson State University, Maryland
- December 4 - STMA Board Meeting, San Diego, California  
4 - 7 - STMA Annual Meeting, San Diego, California

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## Chapter Notes

### Chesapeake Chapter President's Notes

by Raymond Flood  
Chapter President

January, 1990 I attended the Second Annual Sports Turf Managers Association meeting in Houston along with a few of my colleagues. We spent three days at seminars, workshops and equipment demonstrations. It was all that I expected it to be and more.

However, upon returning to Maryland, I realized how distant I was to other professionals I met there. I began looking for a way to interact with other members. I attended the South Carolina Chapter Seminar, sponsored by STMA, in November, 1990. It was there that I spoke with STMA Executive Director Dale Keller about starting a chapter in the mid-Atlantic area.

In February, 1991 a small group

of sports turf professionals from the mid-Atlantic area came together to discuss organization of a local chapter. By the end of the meeting, we had discussed some goals and objectives, talked of shared interests and common problems and come up with the name **Chesapeake Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association (CCSTMA)**.

We now have forty-three members. We will be applying for national STMA affiliation this month and we are growing faster than anyone originally anticipated. My apologies to any members who have not received confirmation of membership or who have not been contacted about upcoming events. From now on we will provide a newsletter and calendar each month and any other information of importance to the industry.

## Colorado Football Workshop Held

by Thomas A Lujan, Chapter President

I want to let you know our workshop recently held (8/8/91) at the Denver Broncos Training Facility in Arapahoe County. We had turned our attention to this workshop, to the preparations needed to prepare a field for fall play.

Everything went as planned and all had a good time which, by the way, is most important. We had 51 people. This included the four main speakers. Their topics went as follows:

1. Tom Briddle, Tectonic Construction Company. He spoke for 45 minutes. His main topic was the construction of sand based fields in our area.

2. Dan Almond, R.B.I. Construction Company. He had talked for 15 minutes on the construction of the new Bronco Training Facility.

3. Dick Hawley, Green-It Turf. His talk focused on fertilizer on

sports fields in our area.

4. Ross Kurcab, Superintendent, Denver Broncos. His talk covered the preparations needed to prepare a field for a football game.

Once the talking was over and done with, we all went outside to walk and view the practice fields. While this was going on, hamburgers were being grilled to perfection.

Everyone sat down and ate lunch. When this was over Ross Kurcab and his assistant, as well as the field staff from Mile High Stadium, proceeded to demonstrate how to lay out a football field.

Once all the reference points were set, strings were put in place and a field painting demonstration took place. The crews, as well as help from the gallery, proceeded to stripe the five yard lines, sidelines and the numbers on half the field. Everyone enjoyed the demos and discussed all the aspects of them.

## Conference Fund Raisers Planned for San Diego

### Mount Woodson Host to Conference Tournament

The Sports Turf Managers Association will conduct a pre-conference golf tournament and fishing contest on December 3, at San Diego. The golf tournament will be at Mount Woodson, a newly-constructed private championship course at Ramona, California. Entry fees are \$65 per person and include golf, cart, and transportation to and from the conference hotel.

The goal of the annual Sports Turf Managers Association golf tournament is to raise scholarship and research monies for turfgrass and medical research. The tournament is a combined effort of the Sports Turf Managers Association and Spinal Victory. Contributions to the golf tournament qualify as charitable contributions and are fully deductible as such under IRS regulations.

The Sports Turf Managers Association operates a non-profit, educational foundation (501(c)(3) named

the Sports Turf Managers Benevolent Foundation which sustains the Sports Turf Managers Association education, research and scholarship programs.

Spinal Victory is also a non-profit foundation to facilitate a cure for paralysis caused by spinal cord injury. The director of the foundation is Kent Waldrep, an athlete paralyzed in 1974 as a result of a football injury while playing for Texas Christian University. Celebrities and personalities involved with Spinal Victory include George W. Bush, Lamar Hunt, and Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboy organization.

To raise money, approximately 55 sponsors are needed to provide:

Bus for travel to and return from Mount Woodson: est.\$1,500

Refreshments prior to golf

Tees and Greens sponsors(36)

Longest drive, front and back, men and women

Closes to pin, front and back, men and women

Winning team, first, second, third, for scratch and net  
worst score

Sponsors also are needed for "goodie bags" for all players; a beverage cart, refreshments after golf and items for a raffle after the tournament.

Sponsorships and benefits are:

Bronze - \$150: Tee or green sponsorship plus one entry into tournament.

Silver - \$300: Tee or Green sponsorship plus two entries into tournament.

Gold - \$500: Tee and Green sponsorship plus two entries into tournament.

In addition, each sponsor receives recognition for contributions from the foundation, at the conference education sessions and at the awards banquet.

### STMA Fishing Derby Planned

The Sports Turf Managers Association will feature a pre-conference fishing tournament on December 3, 1991 as part of its annual meeting.

The trip includes a fishing derby for the the heaviest, most and smallest fish caught during the day-long event. In addition to the awards for the fish caught, anglers will enjoy a chance to compete for additional prizes offered while at sea.

The \$40 entry fee includes fishing on a private charter boat, a one-day fishing license, fishing gear and bait for the day and filleting of any fish caught during the trip.

STMA members who wish to sponsor any of the prizes or awards should contact STMA headquarters, PO Box 98056, Las Vegas, Nev. 89193 or call (702) 739-8052.

### STMA Award Nominations Sought

LAS VEGAS—The Sports Turf Managers Association seeks nominations for its annual awards program. Five categories of awards will be presented at its annual meeting scheduled for December 4-7, 1991 at San Diego, Calif.

The five awards to be presented are: Football Field of the Year; Soccer Field of the Year; Outstanding Commercial Affiliate; Excellence in Research; and the Lawn Ranger Award for the best groundskeeper.

The Sports Turf Managers Association recognizes that its members make personal and professional contributions to the industry and the organizations which they serve. The awards program provides individual recognition for dedication, professional leadership, contribution and

service to the sports turf industry.

Nominations for each award must be submitted in accordance with procedures outlined for each award. Membership in the Sports Turf Managers Association is an eligibility requirement for an award. Each entry should contain photographs of the entry as well as a description of the field.

Award entry information may be obtained from the Sports Turf Managers Association, PO Box 98056, Las Vegas, Nev. 89193 or by calling (702) 739-8052.

All award nominations are due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 23, 1991 and should be submitted to Greg Petry, Waukegan Park District, PO Box 708, Waukegan, Ill. 60079, Attn: STMA Awards.



**DON'T FORGET! STMA ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE, DECEMBER 4-7, 1991  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

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# South Carolina Chapter Future Outlined

by Bucky Trotter, Chapter President

I would like to thank the S.C. Chapter #1 members for the trust they have placed in me as their president for the coming year. I am deeply honored to be your president and I feel your trust will not be misplaced. I have every confidence that our work together will contribute to continuing the advancements that will benefit every member of our association.

A special thanks to Joe Wilson and Steve Figueroa for all they have brought to the chapter. Their work will benefit this association in the years to follow.

As I begin my term as your president, I see a future that is filled with challenges and rewards for our profession, this chapter and the national association. The challenges of our profession will require enhanced levels of technical knowledge and understanding.

The words "safe" and "environment" will present significant tests to all of us. These words and what they represent will cause the public and each of us to re-evaluate the expectations of ourselves, the ecosystems we manage and ultimately the athletic fields where the games are played will reflect our efforts.

For anyone to become successful at a particular occupation, he or she must make a commitment to do the job correctly. A commitment is a dedication that

states emphatically that an individual will improve, will be devoted to the completion of his/her job and will allow nothing to stand in the way of his or her goals. Some turf managers will do only what is necessary to get a field ready for a game; others will go the "extra mile" to provide a safe, quality turf that will withstand the demands of their programs. In which category do you fall? The major difference is the degree of commitment made by the turf manager.

I view this chapter as a friend and colleague, ready to help and always lending a hand even on the darkest days. This chapter will assist us in making a commitment, helping us mold our future—ensuring our success. Together, we and this association will both prosper and reach lofty goals. From my perspective, reflections of our progress are satisfying, positive and exciting. Part of this excitement comes from working with our new board members Bruce Viehman and Hugh Burnett. Everyone will benefit from their foresight and work in the chapter.

If you have not renewed your membership for the coming year or if you have yet to join our association, I invite you to do so now.

Help us maintain the momentum and take advantage of the opportunities in the coming year!

I look forward to seeing you September 5 at Furman University and if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me.

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## STMA Membership, Renewals Continue to Increase

A record number of June and August new memberships swelled the ranks of the STMA with new members coming from chapters and workshops held in the Northwest. Meanwhile the 1991-1992 Sports Turf Managers Association dues renewals are at an all-time high. However, not all members have renewed their membership. Now is the time to catch up on the paperwork which may have been delayed for vacation or the summer activities.

The association membership year runs from July 1

through June 30 of each year. This method was chosen to coincide with the fiscal year of many municipalities. Members are asked to make sure that their name, address, telephone and membership category are correctly shown on the dues statement. Inaccurate information should be corrected on one copy of the statement and returned to STMA along with dues payment.

Membership questions should be directed to STMA, PO Box 98056, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193.

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