

Sports Turf Happenings



Chapter Events

Florida Chapter #1: STMA

The Florida Chapter is planning an April 20th meeting at Palm Beach Gardens with the focus on construction.

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

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association

The Wisconsin Chapter will hold its Spring Meeting, a Ball Field Maintenance Seminar with Floyd Perry, on April 22 in Wausau.

The Chapter will participate in the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association's Summer Field Day at the O. J. Noer Facility on August 10th.

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

Southern California Chapter:STMA

The So-Cal Chapter will be hosting their "Season Opener" event on April 24th, beginning at 2:00 PM at San Diego's Qualcomm Park. There will be a stadium tour, tailgate party and admission to the San Diego Padres game.

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

The Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association

The Colorado Chapter will hold a baseball seminar on May 4th at the Auraria Higher Education Center's Metropolitan State College baseball field - the STMA/Beam Clay®/sportsTURF 1998 College Baseball Diamond of the Year.

Three more educational seminars are being planned, one each in June, July and September. CSTMA's Annual Golf Tournament, the "Lawnmower Man Open," will be held in late July with an afternoon shotgun start.

For information on the Colorado Chapter or any of these upcoming activities, call the NEW CSTMA Chapter Hotline: (303) 346-8954.

The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association

On May 5, ISTMA will hold a day-long workshop at St. Albert High School in Council Bluffs. Registration opens at 9:00 AM and sessions begin at 9:30 AM. The morning will be devoted to baseball and softball with the emphasis on "the dirt." Following the lunch provided on site, the afternoon sessions will focus on football and soccer with the emphasis on the turf.

On Saturday, June 5th, ISTMA will meet from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM at Little Sioux High School in Hawarden. The program will include baseball infield repair and maintenance; building a mound; aeration, topdressing

and fertilization programs; and equipment.

A Seminar on Wheels Tour will be held in the Ames area on June 23rd. Sites on the tour include Iowa State University, Ames Youth Complex, Reiman Gardens, and Ames High School.

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).

The North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association

The Chapter is planning a Field Day/Golf Outing for May 20th in Flower Mound, Texas. More details will be announced soon.

For information on this event, the North Texas Chapter or other pending activities, contact: Rene Asprion, Diamond Pro, at (800) 228-2987 or Tom Welch, CSM, Central Garden and Pet, at (800) 788-9581.

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

The MAFMO Chapter will hold a "Back to Basics" Field Day from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM on May 5th at Blair High School in Silver Spring, Maryland. That evening, the chapter will hold a Dinner Meeting beginning at 6:00 PM at Fred & Harry's.

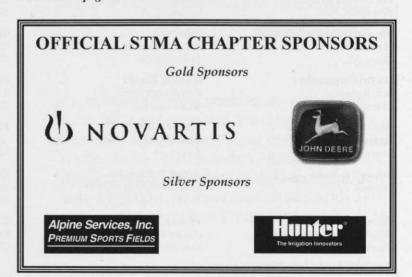
For information on the MAFMO Chapter or pending activities, contact the Hotline: (410) 290-5652.

The Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association

The Northern California Chapter has elected their 1999 Board. President is Dennis Suit, San Jose State University; President Elect is Dave Patterson, Sierra Pacific Turf Supply; Vice President is James Moore, Robert A. Bothman, Inc.; Secretary is Steve Abella, Delta Bluegrass Company; and Treasurer is Sal Genito, University of California - Davis. The Chapter has also appointed Janet Gift administrative assistant.

A May Seminar on Wheels tour is being planned. It will include site visits to the Oakland Raiders Training Camp, UC-Berkeley, and Piedmont High School.

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

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO Chapter STMA)

KAFMO will hold a Grounds Seminar at Hershey Stadium on Saturday, June 19th, while the family heads to Hershey Park (to be joined later by seminar attendees). Morning educational sessions for sports turf managers include presentations by Bob Hummer of Hummer Turfgrass Systems, John Tshudy, Director of Buildings and Grounds for Hershey Park, and Steve LeGros, Superintendent of Hershev Stadium. To help make this a family day, the chapter has put together a package that includes full day reduced admission to Hershey Park and admission to the Hershey Wildcats Soccer game.

For information on the KAFMO Chapter STMA or upcoming events, contact: Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at (610) 375-8469, extension 212.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association

TVSTMA will hold a Workshop on June 23 at the University of Tennessee. For information on this event contact Bob Campbell at 423/974-2977 or the contacts listed below.

For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Tom McAfee, Nashville Sounds, at 615/242-4371 or Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc., at 931/380-0023.

The Mid-South Chapter STMA

A joint meeting between the Mid-South Chapter and the new TVSTMA Chapter is in the planning stages for this spring with a mid-state location and the date yet to be announced.

For information on the Mid-South Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Jim Calhoun at (901) 755-1305 or Robert Bodi at (901) 383-2414.

The Great Lakes Sports Turf Managers Association (GLSTMA)

GLSTMA has two events in the planning stages: one Workshop tentatively planned with the Cleveland Browns with the date yet to be determined; the other an Athletic Field Day and Workshop at Ohio State University on July 7th.

For information on the GLSTMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Joe Zelinko at (800) 897-9714 or Boyd Montgomery at (419) 885-1982 or the chapter website http://members.tripod.com/~glstma.

Indiana Chapter: STMA

The Chapter has appointed program, membership, finance and public relations committees. Plans are progressing for three meetings with details to be announced soon.

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.

The Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association

For information on the Chapter or pending events, contact: Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools, at (616) 395-2364.

Minnesota Chapter:STMA

For information on the Minnesota Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Connie Rudolph at (651) 646-1679.

Midwest Chapter: STMA

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

Chapters On The Grow

A new Chapter is taking shape in the Kansas City Missouri - Kansas area. For more information contact: Trevor Vance at 816/504-4271; John Cundiff at 816/525-7600; Bill Tritt at 816/941-4424; Jody Gill at 913/681-4121; Gary Custis at 816/468-6215; or Jay Sutton at 816/795-8873.

Arizona - For information on upcoming events, contact: Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department, at (602) 312-7954, or Kris Kircher, City of Chandler Parks & Recreation Department at (602) 786-2728.

Nevada - For information on the forming Nevada Chapter of STMA or upcoming events, contact: Ibsen Dow at (702) 649-1551 or Alan Paulson, Clark County School District, at (702) 799-8724.

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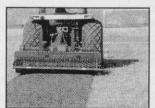
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