

## Chapter Events

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Henrico Recreation and Parks, via e-mail: buc06@co.henrico.va.us or at 804-261-8213.

### **Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association:**

For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, call Richard Miller at 608-756-1150.

### **Chapters On The Grow**

**Kentucky:** For information on the chapter forming in Kentucky, contact Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@batsbaseball.com or Aaron Boggs at AVBoggs@netscape.net.

**Las Vegas:** For information on the chapter developing in Las Vegas, contact Rod Smith, Grounds Manager/Cashman Center at e-mail: rms@lveva.com or at 702-386-7140.

**New York:** For information on the chapter forming in Central New York, contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, at e-mail: Kevin@wpe.com or at tel. 607-432-2953.

### **Across the Border Sports Turf Events**

Canada's Sports Turf Association will hold their 15th Annual Field Day on September 12 at River Oaks Recreation Centre in Oakville, Ontario. Educational sessions include: "Intelligent Irrigation," with Gregory Snaith of Rain Bird International; "The Olympic Experience," with Becky Kellar, member of the Team Canada Women's Hockey team; "Introduction to Turf Covers," with Dr. Julie Dionne of the University of Guelph; and "The Ace of Diamonds Tour Athletic Field Maintenance Seminar," with Mel Lanford. Also included in the day's events will be opportunities to view both indoor and outdoor exhibits and to meet with the exhibitors.

For more information contact Executive Manager, Ms. Lee Heuther, via e-mail: sta@gti.uoguelph.ca or at 519/763-9431.

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## How Do You Do...?

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but is worth a try, is to get the front office staff to come out and help. It's amazing how fast the work goes when there are many hands helping. But, you have to ask REALLY nice.

A couple of other 4th of July issues I've had this year have been burn marks where they ignited the fireworks on my sod nursery area and a between inning site gag, which involved contestants wrestling in a plastic pool full of potato salad. Some of the potato salad spilled on to the grass and killed a small area. On the burned turf, I put a seed/soil mixture on it. On the potato salad area, I did the same, plus sprayed it with green paint, since it was on the field area. Who knew potato salad could be so dangerous!



## Are You Ready To Tackle Certification?

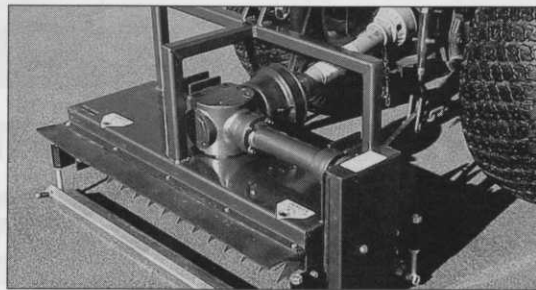
Having recognized the importance of fostering and improving professionalism within the sports turf industry, the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) developed the certification program for sports turf managers.

The STMA firmly believes that a combination of education and experience are necessary to be the best possible athletic field manager. However, it also recognizes that in a profession as diverse as the sports turf industry, experience should play a major role.

In order to successfully gain certification, you must meet certain education and/or experience requirements. These requirements were set to establish minimum criterion for becoming certified. You will notice, however, that there is a strong leaning toward experience as a sports field manager. For example, it is possible to be certified without having any formal education beyond high school if you have enough years of experience. You can not, however, become certified by virtue of education alone.

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### CSFM Requirements

A total of 40 combined education and experience points are required to take the certification examination.

#### EDUCATION

Program	Points
<i>Associates Degree</i>	
Non-Turf	2
Turf Related	8
<i>Bachelors Degree</i>	
Non-Turf	8
Turf Related	16
<i>Advanced Degree</i>	
Turf Related	24

*Note: Education points are not cumulative.*

#### EXPERIENCE

Activity	Points/Year
Sports Turf Crew	1
Sports Turf Supervisor	3
Sports Turf Manager	6
Golf Asst. Supt.	1.5
Golf Superintendent	3

*No more than 50% of total experience points can be earned on a golf course.*



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The Certification Program is challenging -- and rightfully so. Its aim is to identify those who are serious about being the best they can be; those who are serious about committing themselves to a life-long goal of continually learning and growing in their profession.

The Certification Program gives you an organized list of competencies to review which provides the guidelines necessary for preparation. This step alone helps you sharpen your skills.

And then it asks you to put yourself to the test. Again, a challenge, but one you can meet and conquer.

The examination for certification covers four major areas of sports field management:

- Agronomics
- Pest Management
- Administration
- Sports Specific Field Management

If you are committed to increasing professionalism in the sports turf industry, if you are interested in providing the best sports surfaces for all levels of play, if you are interested in raising the level of sports turf management, then consider becoming a Certified Sports Field Manager.

It may be the best thing you can do for your career.

For more information on the Certified Sports Field Manager Program contact STMA Headquarters.

### **Congratulations 2002 Certified Sports Field Managers!** **The following individuals officially achieved**

#### **CSFM status in 2002:**

#### **George C. Trivett, CSFM**

Athletic Director/Teacher/Sports Turf Manger  
Granite Falls Middle School, Granite Falls, NC

#### **Brian D. Wimble, CSFM**

Sports Turf Manager  
New York Giants, Albany, NY

#### **George Bernardon, CSFM**

Sports Turf Consultant/Horticulturist  
Sodexo Services, Gaithersburg, MD

#### **Nick Gammill, CSFM**

Sports Turf Supervisor  
American University, Washington, DC

#### **James R. Rodgers, CSFM**

Sports Field Manager  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

#### **Michael Wagner, CSFM**

Manager of Grounds  
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

#### **Jay Warnick, CSFM**

Field Director  
Seattle Seahawks, Seattle (Kirkland), WA

#### **James Hermann, CSFM**

President  
Total Control, Lebanon, NJ