



Chapter Events



Congratulations and Welcome to STMA's Two Newly Affiliated Chapters: The Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association and the Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association:

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association: GA-STMA will meet on September 6 at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Lori Turek at 770-509-3663 or gastma@earthlink.net.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association:

PNWSTMA is in the process of planning a Field Day at the Mariners for August 19. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact in Washington, Jay Warnick at JayW@Seahawks.com or in Oregon, Mike Wagner at MWagner@Oregon.UOregon.edu.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey:

The SFMANJ Chapter will hold a Field Day at Dunham Park in Bernards Township New Jersey from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on August 8. On the program are: soccer field maintenance and renovation; soil tests; Dos and Don'ts of writing specs, Equipment demos; and more.

For information on the New Jersey Chapter, or upcoming events, call Fred Castenschiold at 908-722-9830 or email to mkc@blast.net; or call Eleanora Murfitt, at 908-236-9118; e-mail to HQ@stmanj.org.

Minnesota Chapter STMA:

Minnesota Chapter STMA: The Minnesota Chapter's annual Tour on Wheels is scheduled for August 9. Attendees will tour area fields and the University of Minnesota Research facility and end the day with a St. Paul Saints baseball game. The Fall Workshop will be held in Woodbury on October 17.

For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota at 651-638-6075 or e-mail: j-hintz@bethel.edu.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA):

The Michigan Chapter will participate in the MSU/MTF/MiSTMA field day which will be hosted by the MTF at Michigan State University on August 13. This event will team sports turf managers and business managers with a focus on the business end of maintaining sports fields.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, contact MiSTMA Headquarters at 517-712-3407, or email Amy Fouty, University of Michigan, at fouty@umich.edu, or go to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's new website.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association:

The MO-Kan Chapter will hold a Fall Turf Management Field Day at the Pembroke Hill High School Football Stadium on August 14. The program will cover maintenance and repair on high use football fields, including topdressing and renovation. There will be a field painting seminar with tips and shortcuts to get fields painted accurately and efficiently. "Hands-on" practice painting custom field logos also will be offered. Instructors include: Chuck Dixon, JL Bruce & Assoc.; Brad Fresenburg, University of Missouri; Jim Wilson, Blue Valley Schools; and Field Paint and Equipment Sales Professionals.

For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jody Gill at 913-239-4121; Gary Custis at 816-460-6215, or Mike Green at 913-208-6158.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA):

The OSTMA chapter will participate in the OSU/OTF Research Field Day in Columbus on August 14. The OSTMA Fall Field Day will be held at Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy in Cincinnati on August 20. Morning

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educational sessions include: "Picking the Correct Seed for the Job," presented by Randy Heilman of Central Farm and Garden Center, and "Maintenance of High School Complexes," presented by Michael Bell, Director of Facilities for the school. Bell also will conduct a tour of the school's athletic facilities. The Vendor Showcase will be the focus of the afternoon events. The Chapter also will participate in the Paul Zwaska Ball Field Workshop to be held September 10 at the OSU Intramural complex off Lane Avenue in Columbus.

For information on the OSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 740-452-4541 or Boyd Montgomery at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's website at www.ostma.org.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Colorado Chapter will meet at Shea Stadium/Highlands Ranch on August 21. A meeting at Coors Field is being planned for September 10th.

For information on the Colorado Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website--www.CSTMA.org--or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Iowa Chapter will hold a Workshop on August 28 at the Muscatine Soccer Complex and Kent Stein Park in Muscatine. Rich Klimes, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation for the City, will open the Workshop at 8:30 am with a welcome to participants. Educational sessions will include: "The In's and Out's of the Construction &

Maintenance of the Muscatine Soccer Complex," presented by Kevin Vos, CSFM, Athletic Facilities Manager; "What's New in Athletic Field Grass Seed," by Dennis Christiansen of Williams Lawn Seed; "Layout & Design Tips for Painting Field Logos," and "Results of Primo Growth Regulator Program on a Soccer Field," both by Vos. Following Lunch, Vos will present "Aeration Strategies for Soccer Fields. Next "Topdressing in Sports Turf," will be presented by Mike Embree of Acme Materials. The Workshop will conclude with a tour of the Kent Stein Park Ball Diamond Complex.

For information on the Iowa Chapter, or upcoming activities, contact Lori Westrum of The Turf Office at 515-232-8222, or fax 515-232-8228, or e-mail: Lori@iowaturfgrass.org.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA):

TVSTMA is planning an August event with the Tennessee Titans.


For information on the TVSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc., at 931-380-0023 or 800-837-8062 or visit the chapter's website: www.tvstma.org.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:

The Arizona Chapter is again partnering with the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association for another packed day of educational sessions at the APRA 2002 Conference. The Conference will be held August 27 - 30 at Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix. August 29 will feature one break out session focused on sports turf management and one on parks maintenance. The opening two hours, from 7:00 to 9:00 AM, are devoted to registration and Trade Show viewing. Educational sessions begin at 9:00 AM and run through 2:50 PM with the lunch hour beginning at noon. Topics and speakers for the Sports Turf Sessions are: "Chemical Elimination of Rye in Overseeded Bermuda," presented by Dr. Dave Kopec, University of Arizona; "Common Sports Turf Problems," by Dr. Gil Landry, University of Georgia; "High Profile Field Preparation," by Bob Campbell, CSFM, University of Tennessee; "A World Series Year," by Grant Trenbeath, Arizona Diamondbacks; and "Turf Nutrition," by Mike Pfeiffer, Pesticide Training Resources. Registration information for this event is available on the web at: www.azpra.org or by calling 877/443-2670.

For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra at e-mail:

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chris@peoriaaz.com or tel. 623-412-4231 or Bill Murphy, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or 480-312-7956.

Midwest Chapter STMA:

The Midwest Chapter's Tour on Wheels will be held in late August.

For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, visit the Chapter's website-<http://mcstma.org/>--or call Libby Baker at 847-263-7603 or email Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

Florida Chapter # 1:

The Florida Chapter will participate in the Florida Turfgrass Association Show to be held in Tampa September 16-18.

For information on the Florida Chapter, or pending activities, call John Mascaro at 954-341-3115.

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Chapter will have a booth at the Turfgrass and Landscape Expo (SCTC) Fairplex in Pomona on October 9 and 10. In the planning stages is an October Field Day at Edison International - date and time to be announced soon.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Steve Dugas, California State University - Fullerton, at 714-

278 - 3929 or email sdugas@fullerton.edu.

Southern California Chapter:

For information on the Southern California Chapter, or pending activities, call Ron Kirkpatrick at 858-453-1755.

Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter, or pending events, call Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Gateway Chapter, or upcoming events, call Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College, 314-392-2328 or email krone@mobap.edu.

Indiana Chapter:

For information on the Indiana Chapter, or pending activities, call Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at 219-356-8424.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA):

For information on the KAFMO/STMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at tel. 610-375-8469, ext. 212; or e-mail to: kafmo@aol.com.

Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA):

For information on the MAFMO Chapter, or pending activities, call the Hotline at 410-290-5652.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Nebraska Chapter, or upcoming events, email Loren Humphrey at: lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org or call Gregg Bostelman, City of Grand Island, at 308-385-5426.

North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the North Texas Chapter, or pending activities, contact Greg Zimmerman at 214/987-5491 or bef-irrigation@att.net or Rene Aspiron at 972-647-3393, or visit the website at www.ntstma.org.

South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the South Texas Chapter, or upcoming events, call Craig Potts, Texas A & M University, at 979-458-8841, or e-mail: CPotts@athletics.tamu.edu.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Virginia Chapter, or other upcoming events, contact: Randy Buchanan, County of *continued on page 13*

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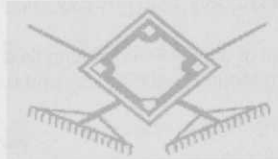
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Henrico Recreation and Parks, via e-mail: buc06@co.henrico.va.us or at 804-261-8213.

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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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?

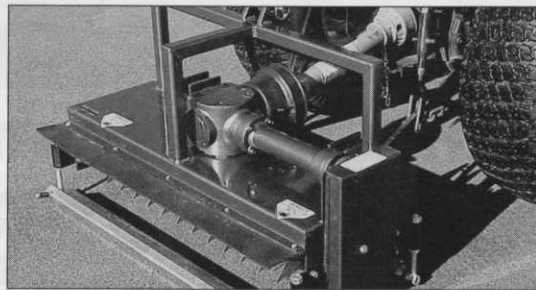
Having recognized the importance of fostering and improving professionalism within the sports turf industry, the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) developed the certification program for sports turf managers.

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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