

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA):

The Ohio Chapter's Annual Meeting and Awards Breakfast will be held on December 11 in conjunction with the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Annual Conference, December 9 - 12, at the Columbus Convention Center in Columbus.

For information on the OSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 888-824-9805 or 419-824-9805 or Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's website at www.ostma.org.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey:

The New Jersey Chapter will present a Sports Turf Track on December 10 and 11 of the New Jersey Turfgrass & Landscape Expo, December 9 - 11, at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino-Resort in Atlantic City. Keynote Speaker for the Conference is Mike Veeck, who will present "Thinking Beyond the Ball Park," during the opening general session the morning of December 10. Among the other featured speakers for this event is George Toma, NFL Consultant for Super Bowl Field Preparation. For more information on the Expo visit the website: www.njturfgrass.org.

For information on the New Jersey Chapter, or upcoming events, call SFMANJ at 908-730-7770 or Eleanora Murfitt at 908-236-9118; or e-mail to HQ@sfmanj.org.

Minnesota Chapter STMA:

The Minnesota Chapter will participate in the second annual Minnesota Green Expo which will take place January 7 - 9, 2004, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. For information visit the website at: www.minnesotagreenexpo.com.

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 or check out the Chapter website: www.mstma.com.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Virginia Chapter will meet from 7:30 to 8:15 AM on January 14, in conjunction with the Virginia Turfgrass Council's 44th Annual Turf and Landscape Conference and Marketplace, January 13 - 15, 2004, at the Richmond Marriott in Richmond. Day-Long Classes on January 13 include a Turfgrass Management Workshop and a Soils for Sports Turf Workshop. A Sports Turf Track is offered on January 14 and 15. For more information visit the website: www.thevtc.org.

For information on the Virginia Chapter, or upcoming events, contact: Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority via e-mail: Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703-324-8590.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA):

The KAFMO Chapter will participate in the Eastern Pennsylvania Turf Conference and Trade Show to be held in Valley Forge on January 15, 2004. Speakers include: Dr. Dave Minner, Iowa State University; Dr. Elizabeth Guertal, Auburn University; Brad Park, Rutgers University and Dr. Andy McNitt, Penn State University. For more information on this event go to: www.paturf.org.

The 8th Annual KAFMO Athletic Field Conference will be held in Grantville, PA, on February 20, 2004. Speakers include: Bob Campbell, CSFM, University of Tennessee; Dr. Andy McNitt, Penn State University; Jim Koontz, Jr., Cumberland Valley School District; Mike Boekholder, Philadelphia Phillies; and Tony Leonard, Philadelphia Eagles.

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

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA):

The Michigan Chapter will participate in the Michigan Turfgrass Conference to be held January 19 - 22, 2004.

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Florida Chapter # 1:

The Florida Chapter will participate in the Florida Turfgrass Association Palm Beach Regional Seminar to be held at Lake Worth, FL, on January 20, 2004, and the Florida Turfgrass Association Miami Regional Seminar to be held at Pro-Player Stadium in Miami on January 21, 2004. For information on these events check the website: www.ftga.org.

For information on the Florida Chapter, or pending activities, contact John Mascaro at 954-341-3115 or STMA@Turf-Tec.com.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Iowa Chapter will present a Sports Turf Track during the 70th Annual Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show to be held at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines January 22 - 28, 2004.

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

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association:

Plans have begun for the KySTMA's Annual Conference to be held in Louisville in late February. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@batsbaseball.com or Aaron Boggs at AVBoggs@netscape.net.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:

For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra by e-mail: chris@peoriaaz.com or tel. 623-412-4231 or Bill Murphy, by e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or 480-312-7956.

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

For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Steve Dugas, California State University - Fullerton, at 714-278-3929 or email sdugas@fullerton.edu.

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.

Southern California Chapter:

For information on the Southern California Chapter, or pending activities, call Michael Tarantino at 858-679-2526 or MTarantino@powayusd.com.

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

For information on the Chesapeake Chapter, or other pending activities, call the Hotline at 866-818-8873 or email Nick Gammill, CSFM, at ngammill@american.edu.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:

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, or contact Chapter President Phil McQuade at 303-237-7188 or pqcquade@jeffco.k12.co.us.


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.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Skip Kirby at 770-928-1580 or email skip@sportsturfmanagement.com.

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Indiana Chapter:

For information on the Indiana Chapter, or pending activities, contact Stan Moscrip, Indiana University, at 812-856-2256 or smoscrip@indiana.edu.

Midwest Chapter STMA:

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.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jody Gill at 913-239-4121 or by e-mail: JGill2@bv229.k12.ks.us.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Nebraska Chapter, or upcoming events, call Loren Humphrey at: 402-461-2324 or email lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association:

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

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA):

For information on the TVSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Chapter President, Bob Elliott, Tieco, at 800-239-9547 or Glenn Lucas at 800-837-8062; email to Glenn@tvstma.org, or visit the chapter's website: www.tvstma.org.

North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the North Texas Chapter, or pending activities, contact Kathy Cassmeyer at 972-603-2869 or Katherine.Cassmeyer@lmco.com, or visit the website at www.ntstma.org.

South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the South Texas Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Tim Loesch at 210-207-3734 or TLoesch@alamodome.com.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association:

For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, contact Chris Brindley at 715-346-3622 or cbrindle@uwsp.edu.

Chapters on the Grow:

South Carolina: Efforts are currently underway in South Carolina to form a Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers

Association. The contact is Dr. Trent Hale, a Research and Extension Turfgrass Specialist in the Department of Horticulture for Clemson University. He is located at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center in Florence. For more information contact Dr. Hale at 843-662-3526 or by email at tchale@clemson.edu or the forming chapter's page on the STMA website: www.sportsturfmanager.com.

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 607-432-2953.

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