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George Toma to Headline NJ Turfgrass & Landscape Expo... *the place to be in 2003*

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George Toma is likely the most famous sports turf manager in the world. He has been the NFL field consultant for all 37 Super Bowls. The son of a Pennsylvania coal miner, Toma began his career 62 years ago as part of Cleveland's minor league baseball system.

Toma will speak at the 2003 New Jersey Turfgrass and Landscape Expo (December 9-11) at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort at Virginia Avenue and the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, NJ.

New Jersey Turfgrass Expo 2003 continues the proud tradition as a "pacesetter" in the turfgrass and landscape industry. Featuring an expanded Trade Show, Expo 2003 will mark yet another step forward in response to the continued interest of registrants and exhibitors.

Sports Field Managers Sessions

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

4:00-6:00 pm

Panel: *SYNTHETIC SURFACES FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS*

Playing Surface Characteristics of In-filled Systems
Dr. Andrew McNitt, Penn State University

Experiences with Playability & Maintenance
Fred Stengel, Bergen Catholic HS

Economic Considerations
Dr. Henry Indyk, TurfCon GSI Consultants, Inc.

Experiences & Concerns with Synthetic Turf
George Toma, NFL Field Consultant for Super Bowl;
APPEARANCE COURTESY OF LOFTS/
PENNINGTON SEED

Thursday, December 11, 2003

8:30 - 10:00 am

Panel: *UNDERSTANDING WEAR & ITS MANAGEMENT*

What is Wear?
Brad Park, Rutgers University

Turfgrass Species & Varieties: Selecting for High Traffic Areas
Dr. Stacy Bonos, Rutgers University

Management Practices for Minimizing Impact of Traffic
Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers University
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SFMANJ Business

*Next Board of Directors Meeting - Dec. 3, Wed.
5:30pm at Rutgers Geiger building, Ryder's Lane,
New Brunswick.*

*Anyone interested in serving on the Board of
Directors for the 2004/05 years you may attend this
meeting.*

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School IPM – It's the Law – What You Need to Know
(Core points)
Ann Waters, NJDEP

Thursday, December 11, 2003

12:30 – 2:30 pm

SFMANJ Business Meeting - Elections

Field Preparation for the Super Bowl
George Toma, NFL Field Consultant for Super Bowl;
Appearance Courtesy of Lofts/Pennington Seed

Topdressing: Benefits, Materials, & Techniques
Dr. Andrew Mcnitt, Penn State University

Meeting the Challenges of Sports Field Management
Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame

Specifications for Contracted Maintenance Services
James Hermann, Total Control, Inc.

Calendar of Events

NJ Turf Grass Association

Dec. 8 – 11 Expo 2003 Atlantic City, NJ
Athletic Field Educational Session ½ day Dec. 10 &
full day Dec. 11. For information call 856-853-5973
or 732-821-7134

Rutgers University Athletic Turf Classes

- * February 24-26 Athletic Field Construction and Maintenance course
 - * March 9th The Importance of Understanding Athletic Field Soil
 - * March 16th The Importance of Understanding Athletic Field Turfgrass
 - * March 23rd Understanding Athletic Field Project Specifications
- Information call 732-932-9271

NJ Landscape 2004 27th Annual Trade Show & Conference

February 25th, Wed. 8:30am to 4:30pm. Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, NJ. Booth spaces available. For information call 201-664-6310 or www.njlca.org

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