

Congratulations to our Newest CSFM!

Donald Savard, CSFM (Certified Sports Field Manager) has been a dedicated member of SFMANJ for the past two years and now serves on the Board of Directors as Vice President. He is the Athletic Facilities and Grounds Manager at the Salesianum School, a private high school for boys in Wilmington, Delaware. Delaware does not have a Sports Chapter so Don travels each month to chapter meetings and to all the field days and Rutgers courses.

His responsibility as an Athletic Facilities and Grounds Manager includes operational management of the 20 acre urban campus that includes the safety, playability and aesthetics of an intense use, natural turf grass athletic field, high profile landscape management, snow operations, fiscal management, purchasing, and contractor relations.

Don has worked in the green industry since 1979. His professional affiliations include STMA, SFMANJ, Delaware Grounds Management Association and Delaware Nursery and Landscape Association. His professional certifications include Delaware Department of Agriculture Commercial Pesticide Applicator, Delaware Department of Agriculture Certified Nutrient Consultant and now a Certified Sports

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*Let's
Start
Training!*



SFMANJ Business

Next Board of Directors Meeting –
March 2, Rutgers University, Geiger Bldg.

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Field Manager. We are proud to have Don as a part of our team.

When asked, "How did you prepare for the test?" Don replied

I joined STMA in late 2003 and sent away for the CSFM packet soon after because I admired Jim Herrmann CSFM, I wanted to better myself professionally and I wanted to see how I measured up to the professional standards. After reviewing the 20 page detailed list of CSFM competencies, I saw my strengths and weaknesses and began a yearlong study to prepare myself. In Delaware, to apply fertilizers and nutrients, one must have a certification, much like a pesticide license. I prepared for the highest, most stringent nutrient management certification, the Delaware Nutrient Consultant Certification, which allows me to write nutrient, fertility and soil improvement programs for others as well as apply nutrients for paid compensation. I also took an online college course from the local community college in soil and water management. I purchased and read some of the STMA recommended books and subscribed to most of the trade magazines. I attended

field days and short courses, wore out a computer surfing the web looking for articles and research findings. I talked with many people who manage sports fields and asked them what worked for them.

Finally, in December 2004, I sent in my application, was approved to sit for the exam that was being given at the STMA conference in Phoenix. The exam consisted of 100 agronomic questions (including warm season grasses), 100 sports specific questions, 50 pesticide questions and 50 administrative questions in a multiple choice format. The questions were well written, real life problems that one encounters all of the time. The test took me 4 1/2 hours to complete.

Now that I have the certification, I have to continue taking courses for continuing education credits as well as earning industry service points for community service in order to keep it. There are only 52 CSFM's at the present time, and I am proud to be part of this elite group.

If anyone would like to reach Don with questions about this important program email him at donsavard@msn.com or call at 302.293.2693 ♦

Selecting a Field Marking Paint

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We all use it in one form or another, and I think that we all agree that it works for most of our purposes, which is marking a boundary or a zone. Field marking paint comes in various forms, from aerosol spray cans, to bulk containers of paint that must be mixed. So which is best? All claims by manufacturers and salesmen aside, the one that is best is the one that works best for you and suits your needs. Here are some hints for selecting the product or products that are right for you.

How much painting do you do? If your answer is just little, (maybe only one or two fields) you might get by with spray cans and a four wheeled inverted can applicator. The inverted aerosol spray paint can makes a nice, bright line. (Consider using water based acrylic, as it is less injurious to the

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