

Diverse Educational Topics Covered at September District Meeting

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Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey held a District II meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at the Somerset County Parks 4-H Fairgrounds. Sixty-six attendees, including several from out-of-state, came to Bridgewater to learn information that will enable them to become more effective sports field managers. The half-day program was an illustration of the benefits of being an SFMANJ member as there was no registration fee for members of SFMANJ. A special thanks goes out to Storr Tractor Company for participating as a sponsor for this meeting and providing morning coffee and donuts and a post-meeting lunch.



Don Savard, CSFM, explains stenciling techniques that can be utilized to make a sports field standout.

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The day got started with two SFMANJ Board Members and Certified Sports Field Managers (CSFM's) discussing practical information on important aspects of sports field management. Jim Hermann, CSFM, Total Control, Inc., shared his knowledge of skin infield construction and management followed by Don Savard, CSFM, Salesianum School, who described various line painting and stenciling techniques.

The program moved to a softball outfield where Brad Park, Rutgers University, discussed preventative and curative white grub control methods and techniques that could be used to re-establish turfgrass on areas devastated by white grubs in Fall 2005.

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SFMANJ Business

Next Board of Directors Meeting -
Wednesday, January 4, 2006, 4:30PM
Storr Tractor, Somerville, NJ

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Fred Castenschoild, an organizer of the District meeting, followed by demonstrating various pieces of equipment offered by Storr Tractor Co.

Great education, cooperative weather, enthusiastic attendees, and a fine lunch helped to make this District meeting a success. ♦



Attendees examine a tilled area created by the Rotadairon and demonstrated by Fred Castenschoild, Storr Tractor Co. ♦



Damage caused by white grubs was the turf topic of the day at the September 28, 2005 District Meeting. ♦

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