

Rutgers Corner – Expo 2005 is Right Around the Corner!

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Although it is only September, it is not too early to begin thinking about attending the 2005 New Jersey Turfgrass and Landscape Expo. This year's Expo will be held at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino-Resort in Atlantic City on December 6-8, 2005.

The Sports Field Managers Program will feature morning and afternoon sessions on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 and an afternoon session on Wednesday, December 7, 2005. Included in the speaker lineup this year are Amy Fouty and Mike Andresen, both Certified Sports Field Managers (CSFM's). Ms. Fouty is a sports turf manager at Spartan Stadium, Michigan State University. She will be discussing turf management at Spartan Stadium as well as the comparative costs associated with natural and synthetic turf fields. Mr. Andresen is a sports turf manager at Iowa State University and he will be sharing

his thoughts on management strategies for synthetic infill systems and the very pertinent topic of maximizing limited funding for athletic field maintenance.

The 2005 Sports Field Managers Program at Expo will also include a panel moderated by Don Savard, CSFM

and SFMANJ Vice-President. The panel, consisting of municipal and board of education buildings and grounds supervisors and an athletic director, will focus on developing positive relationships with administrators,

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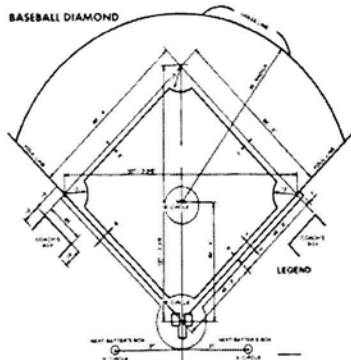
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the problem and develop an effective plan for its correction.

As a friend, Dr. Indyk always had the time to discuss a problem, or answer a question. I remember my first opportunity for discussion with Dr. Indyk. It was 1980. I worked on a thoroughbred horse farm and we were building a turf racetrack for training purposes. I was instructed to contact Dr. Henry Indyk, a well-known agronomist experienced in turf racetracks, their construction and maintenance.

As my interest turned from horse farming and racetrack management to residential turf management, I wanted to learn more so I registered with Rutgers for a couple winter turf classes. That was when I was able to put the face with the name I had heard so much about. It would seem wherever turf management was being discussed or promoted, Dr. Henry Indyk was right in the middle of it.

After fifteen years or so in the turf maintenance industry and after contracting with a local little league, I became interested in athletic fields. So of course I took a couple classes at Rutgers. You guessed it; there he was again teaching the athletic field maintenance course.

I have Dr. Henry Indyk to thank for my CSFM certification. Not only did Dr. Indyk give me the push I needed to take the exam, he was instrumental in developing the certification at the national level as a means of bringing recognition to the sports field manager.

Although soft spoken and mild mannered, Dr. Indyk's words have resounded throughout the turf grass industry and helped to shape it as it exists today. I know of no other person who has so greatly and positively impacted the turf industry. ♦

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athletic directors, coaches, and user groups. Additionally, Jeff Fowler, a Penn State University Extension Agent will be discussing his sports field experiences as an agent in Pennsylvania and also delivering much-needed pesticide credits to those in attendance.

Keep an eye out for Expo 2005 promotional and registration materials in the mail and the Nov./Dec. issue of SFMANJ Update newsletter. The New Jersey Turfgrass Association (www.njturfgrass.org) can be reached at 215-757-6582 ♦

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