

# Rain Could Not Washout SFMANJ's Summer Demonstration Field Day

Brad Park\*

Overnight rain and soaking morning showers could not washout Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey's Summer Demonstration Field Day held at the County College of Morris (CCM), Randolph, NJ on June 28, 2006 – although it did force the SFMANJ Board to make some slight adjustments to the program in what President Ken Mathis appropriately called, "Plan B."

The morning program, scheduled to be completed outdoors and to include trade show time, was moved inside and featured Super Bowl consultant George Toma. Toma displayed his versatility as a public speaker by giving back-to-back 1.0-hour presentations and fielding questions from attendees following both talks.

Craig Tolley, Professor, CCM and SFMANJ Board Member as well as the CCM staff are graciously acknowledged for hosting the Summer Demonstration Field Day as well as arranging the fine lunch that followed George Toma's presentations.

The timing of the day's weather could not have worked out better as the skies cleared and sun broke through for the afternoon outdoor activities. Attendees flowed from booth to booth to visit with the vendors individually as part of the tradeshow. Additionally, attendees were gathered in a group and each vendor was allotted time to describe his or her products and services. As an incentive for attendees to spend time with the vendors, vendor door prizes were eligible only to those attendees who visited a vendor booth and filled-out a ticket available at the booth.

Following the tradeshow, it was time for vendors to demonstrate the latest and greatest sports field equipment. A meeting between representatives of New Jersey equipment giants Storr Tractor and Wilfred MacDonald, as well as CCM personnel, determined that the skinned infield surface was too wet to demonstrate infield grooming equipment. Those vendors demonstrating equipment included: Aer-Core, Inc., Bobcat of North Jersey, Levitt's LLC, Storr Tractor Co. and Philadelphia Turf Co., and Wilfred MacDonald.

The day ended with a talk delivered by Dr. John Grande, Director, Rutgers Snyder Research and Extension Farm. Dr. Grande's presentation titled, "Calibration of Granular Pesticide Application Equipment" allowed those certified pesticide applicators in attendance to receive one NJ DEP Core credit.

A significant portion of this issue of *SFMANJ Update* includes photo highlights of the trade show and equipment demonstrations. When making purchasing decisions, please give extra consideration to those vendors who support SFMANJ, as this organization could not exist without their continued participation in SFMANJ events.

\* Brad Park is Sports Turf Res. and Ed. Coord., Rutgers Univ.; SFMANJ Board member; and Editor, SFMANJ Update



## Crop Production Services

Profit From Our Experience

### Agronomic Products / Services

Seed • Fertilizer • Lime • Soil Testing  
• Pest Control Products  
• Custom Applications

#### Crop Production Services, Inc.

127 Perryville Road  
Pittstown, NJ 08867  
Toll Free: 1-888-828-5545  
Bus: (908) 735-5545  
Fax: (908) 735-6231

766 Rt. 524  
Allentown, NJ 08501  
(609) 259-7204



Fred Castenschiold, Storr Tractor Co., discussed the latest Toro Infield Pro.

**YOUR "ONE-STOP SOURCE"  
FOR AMERICA'S LEADING  
BASEBALL SURFACES & SUPPLIES!**



THE PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE  
... SINCE 1922

A SUPPLIER TO EVERY MLB TEAM,  
OVER 150 MINOR LEAGUE TEAMS,  
OVER 700 COLLEGES, PLUS THOUSANDS  
OF TOWNS & SCHOOLS WORLDWIDE.  
SPECIAL MIXES FOR INFIELDS,  
PITCHER'S MOUNDS & HOME PLATE AREAS.

**REGIONAL INFIELD MIXES AND  
RED WARNING TRACKS FOR  
EVERY STATE & CLIMATE FROM  
BULK PLANTS NATIONWIDE!**

**PLUS INFIELD CONDITIONERS:  
IF TOO HARD AND POORLY DRAINING!**

## Pro's Choice®

THE REDDER, LESS DUSTY, MORE UNIFORM  
INFIELD CONDITIONER & DRYING AGENT  
FOR CONSISTENT INFIELD CUSHION  
IN WET OR DRY WEATHER!

**DIAMOND PRO®**  
IMPROVES DRAINAGE & ENHANCES COLOR!  
IF TOO SOFT & DUSTY!

**STABILIZER® & HILLTOPPER®**  
FOR FIRM, YET RESILIENT, PLAYING SURFACES  
TO QUICKLY DRY INFIELDS!

The Original & Most Absorbent is Now  
**NEW & IMPROVED GRANULAR**

**DIAMOND-DRY.**



**OVER 200 OTHER INFIELD PRODUCTS!**

Premium & Standard in 6 Colors!

**FENCEGUARD**  
Protective Safety Covers  
for Chain Link Fence

WALL PADDING • WINDSCREEN • RAIL PADDING  
TAMPERS • DRAG MATS • RAKES  
HOLLYWOOD® BASES • FIELD MARKING MACHINES  
BATTING PRACTICE COVERS • RAIN COVERS  
PERMA-MOUND™ PADS • MOUND BRICKS  
SAFE "T" MATT™ BATTER'S BOX PADS  
TYPAR® GEOTEXTILES & TURF BLANKETS  
ON-DECK CIRCLES WITH TEAM LOGOS  
PERMANENT FOUL LINES & MUCH MORE!

FOR INSTRUCTIONS & BROCHURES  
[www.BEAMCLAY.com](http://www.BEAMCLAY.com)

**800-247-BEAM**

908-637-4191 / FAX 908-637-8421  
PARTAC PEAT CORPORATION

KELSEY PARK, GREAT MEADOWS, NJ 07838

*"The best infield mix I've ever used."  
— GEORGE TOMA*



*Dennis DeSanctis, Aer-Core, Inc. describes a Wiedenmann  
deep tine aerification unit.*



*The Smithco Sweepstar 60 is offered by Wildred MacDonald and  
was described by Bernie White during the 2006 Summer Demonstration Field Day.*

# ProAer

Professional Aerification Services

I N C O R P O R A T E D

- Core Aerification and Cleanup
- Deep Tine Aeration
- Area Material Spreading
- G.P.S. Services and Area measurements

Benny A. Peta

Phone: 609-209-3182

Fax: 609-466-2707

E-Mail: [turf123@patmedia.net](mailto:turf123@patmedia.net)





*The Toro Groundsmaster 4100 was brought to the County College of Morris by Storr Tractor Co. and the details of this mower were communicated by Kevin Hoban.*



*Bobcat of North Jersey was on-hand at the 2006 Summer Demonstration Field Day. The A300 Bobcat skid steer loader was demonstrated for the attendees.*

## You're Always Ahead of the Game with a COVERMASTER® Raincover...

### "Great Service..., The Best..."

wrote **Chip Baker**, Asst. Baseball Coach,  
**Florida State University**, Tallahassee, FL

Chip's comments confirm what we hear from the many groundskeepers who use a COVERMASTER® raincover to keep their fields dry and ready for play.

Call us and we'll gladly tell you more.

#### The COVERMASTER® Advantage...

- Superior in strength and UV resistance
- Outstanding heat reflective properties
- Light weight - easy to handle
- Widest materials for least number of seams
- Largest choice of weights and colors
- Backed by truly dependable warranties

#### TARP MACHINE VIDEO!

Call, fax or e-mail for a free video, material samples and a brochure.



Covers for football and soccer fields are also readily available.



TARP MACHINE™ lets you roll the cover on and off in minutes.



TARPMATE™ roller comes in 3 lengths with safety end caps.

**COVERMASTER™**  
**COVERMASTER**  
**COVERMASTER**  
MASTERS IN THE ART OF SPORTS SURFACE COVERS

CALL TOLL FREE  
**1-800-387-5808**

**covermaster.com**  
E-MAIL: [info@covermaster.com](mailto:info@covermaster.com)

MEMBER

**SportsTurf**  
MANAGERS ASSOCIATION



COVERMASTER INC., 100 WESTMORE DR. 11-D, REXDALE, ON, M9V 5C3 TEL 416-745-1811 FAX 416-742-6837

# SFMANJ STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE.

A \$500 SFMANJ Student Scholarship will be awarded at Expo 2006 in Atlantic City (December 5-7, 2006). To apply, email or send via US Mail a 500-word essay on "Why you deserve this scholarship." The student must be member of SFMANJ in good standing. Please include:

- Name, address, email
- Your declared major and grade point average
- Classes, seminars or field days you have attended concerning sports field management
- Accomplishments concerning the turf industry
- Internships
- Plan for the future

Email: [hq@sfmanj.org](mailto:hq@sfmanj.org)

### US Mail:

2006 SFMANJ Student Scholarship  
PO Box 370  
Annandale, NJ 08801



**Dr. Henry W. Indyk**  
Graduate Fellowship  
in  
Turfgrass Science

As many of you know, the turfgrass industry lost a dear friend and colleague in September 2005. We will all miss Henry very much and would like to insure that his legacy lives on. The Indyk family would like to establish a memorial fellowship to support graduate students interested in applied turfgrass science. This fellowship is being created to help assure that tomorrow's graduate students have the financial resources to get an advanced degree in turfgrass science at Rutgers University. To fund a full graduate assistantship each year in Henry's name, we will need to raise a total of \$400,000. Your generous support at this time will bring us closer to reaching this goal.

To make a tax-deductible contribution today, please send a check payable to the Rutgers University Foundation, 7 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Be sure to indicate "Indyk Fellowship, Turfgrass" in the memo portion of your check. If you desire, you may provide a donation in the form of a pledge payable over several years.

For information on other ways to support this fellowship, please contact Dr. Bruce B. Clarke, Director - Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science (732-932-9400, ext. 331; or [clarke@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:clarke@aesop.rutgers.edu)) or John Pearson, Director of Leadership Gifts at the Foundation, by calling (732) 932-7899 or email: [pearson@winants.rutgers.edu](mailto:pearson@winants.rutgers.edu)



*Pete Caruso, Levitt's LLC, provides Field Day attendees with the details on the PrizeLawn Turf Tracker*



## TUCKAHOE TURF FARMS, INC.

"Instant Lawns"

- \* **High Quality Bluegrass and Tall Fescue**
- \* **Our Completely Irrigated 700-acre farm allows production and deliveries to parts of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York and all of New Jersey.**
- \* **Sand Sod grown on Hammonton sandy, loam-type soil designed for today's specialized modern athletic fields**
- \* **Labor Saving Big Rolls, please call for custom installation prices**

401 Myrtle Ave. • P.O. Box 148 • Hammonton, NJ 08037

1-800-222-0591

www.ttfarms.com

1-609-561-7184

609-561-0296 Fax



# SFMANJ CONGRATULATES OUR NEWEST CSFM

Don Savard, CSFM\*

On February 1, 2006 Joe Warner became our newest Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM). Joe sat for the exam at the recent Sports Turf Managers Association conference in Orlando at Walt Disney World (January 17-22, 2006). I caught up with Joe for coffee soon after and we talked about the CSFM program.

**D. Savard:** *So, Joe, why did you become a CSFM?*

**J. Warner:** Because it was there! I always believed that it epitomized an ideal, and shows the industry that someone is on top of the newest things in our industry. Passing the testing procedure is an achievement.

**D. Savard:** *How long did you prepare?*

**J. Warner:** About thirty-five years (laughs). I spent 6 months reading all my books to help prepare, but really, the test was really the compilation of all my years of experience in the field. The hardest thing about the exam was sitting down and thinking about how I was going to answer the questions. The test asks practical questions about practical situations or problems. Somebody could be book smart and not pass; it truly was a test of my experience.

**D. Savard:** *How did you get into Sports Field Management?*

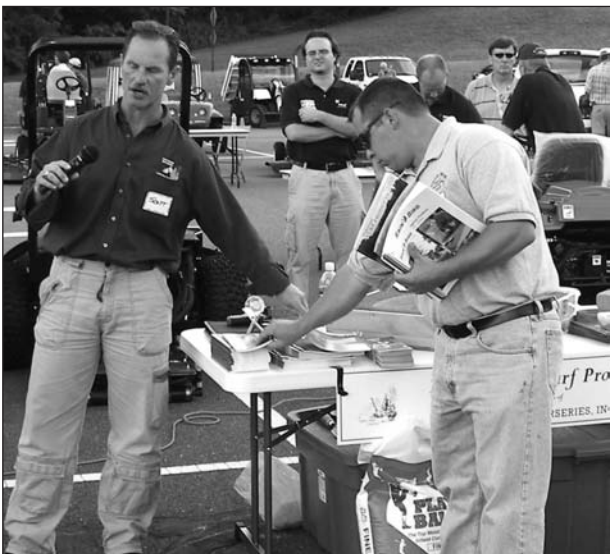
**J. Warner:** I was in my own landscape business for 25 years and got out. Somehow I was drawn back in and began working with the DVH Group. DVH was involved

with commercial and residential turf and we eventually got into sports fields. We knew turf care, but we found that sports fields were a horse of a different color. I found that there were lots of people in the landscape business bidding themselves out of business and on the sports field side there were few qualified people out there and lots of shoddy work. What I wanted to do was to distinguish our company from the rest; besides, I wanted to make a difference.

**D. Savard:** *How is that?*

**J. Warner:** By educating the public and becoming more professional, we can do a better job of creating safe, playable fields. It starts by having a professional attitude, acquiring knowledge and by delivering professional results. The CSFM program is an avenue for the professional to improve him or herself.

\* Don Savard is a Certified Sports Field Manager; Director, Athletic Facilities and Grounds, Salesianum School; and SFMANJ Vice-President



*A Field Day attendee picks-up literature on the turfgrass products described by Scott Bills, Northern Nurseries.*



## GEORGIA GOLF CONSTRUCTION, INC.

*(Located in Tuckahoe, New Jersey)*

---

### Golf Course & Athletic Field Construction

---

Greens - Tees - Bunkers - Fairways  
All Athletic Playing Fields  
Shaping - Drainage - Irrigation - Grassing  
Laser Leveling (1 day service available)  
Earthworks Takeoff Estimating Software

---

**Call 404-216-4445**  
[www.georgiagolfconstruction.com](http://www.georgiagolfconstruction.com)

---

Excellent References



*Tony Gentile represented the Terre Company during the trade show portion of the Summer Demonstration Field Day.*



*Marie Pompei, Past Present, New Jersey Turfgrass Association, describes turfgrass seed products offered by F.M. Brown's Sons, Inc.*



# PHILADELPHIA TURF COMPANY

Fifty-five dedicated people with the best parts, products and service for the green industry in Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and New Castle County Delaware.

*Phone:* 215-345-7200  
*Fax:* 215-345-8132  
*Web:* [www.phillyturf.com](http://www.phillyturf.com)

*Mail:* Box 865  
 Doylestown, PA 18901-0865  
*Ship:* 4049 Landisville Road  
 Doylestown, PA 18901

# Calendar of Events

## NEW JERSEY TURFGRASS EXPO 2006

December 5-7, 2006

Trump Taj Mahal Casino-Resort

Atlantic City, NJ

(215) 757-6582

[www.njturfgrass.org](http://www.njturfgrass.org)



*Mike Viersma elaborates on the sports field construction and renovation services provided by Bob Viersma & Sons, Inc.*

*Dr. John Grande, Director, Rutgers Snyder Research and Extension Farm shows proper granular material application techniques at the 2006 Summer Demonstration Field Day.*



## DID YOU KNOW?

New York City received 0.80 inches of precipitation between March 1 and 31 in 2006.

In June 2006, the Big Apple was drenched with 8.55 inches of rain.

## NATIONAL SEED PROFESSIONAL TURF PRODUCTS

Specializing in Quality  
Grass Seed to Meet All Your  
Turf Performance Standards

Call For a Catalog

**800-828-5856**

Carry a full line of quality mixtures especially formulated for:

**SPORTS & ATHLETIC FIELDS**

LOW MAINTENANCE AREAS

GENERAL GROUNDS

GOLF, LAWN & RECLAMATION

Technical Agronomic Support and  
Custom Blending Available





*Down the stretch they come! Thoroughbred racing commenced in June on the turf course at Monmouth Park, site of SFMANJ's Spring Field Day 2006.*



*Don Savard, CSFM and SFMANJ Vice Prseident, Ken Indyk, Storr Tractor, and Bernie White, Wilfred MacDonald (l-r) inspect the skin infield surface at the County College of Morris during SFMANJ's Summer Demonstration Field Day.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Major League Baseball record for a consecutive games hitting streak is 56 games set by the New York Yankees' legendary Joe DiMaggio from May 5 - July 16, 1941.



*Tina Marie Brown details the latest advancement in irrigation offered by Rain Bird Corp.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Tear-out and disposal costs for infill systems have been estimated to be \$1.75 to \$2.25 per ft<sup>2</sup>; therefore, to tear-out and dispose of an 80,000 ft<sup>2</sup> surface, it is conceivable to budget between \$140,000 and \$180,000.

\*Cost range provided by Tony Strickland, CSFM, Athletic Construction, Inc., Oakwood, GA.