

# UPDATE

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## SFMANJ Summer Field Day to Feature Sports Turf Legend George Toma

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Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) will hold its annual Summer Field Day at the County College of Morris in Randolph, NJ on June 28, 2006. The keynote speaker will be George Toma.

Mr. Toma has been a leading professional in the sports turf management industry for more 50 years. He has been the head groundskeeper for Major League Baseball's Kansas City Royals and the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs. Mr. Toma was selected to prepare the field for Super Bowl I in 1964 (Los Angeles, CA) and all following Super Bowls up to Super Bowl XXXIX in 2005 (Jacksonville, FL). He also worked on U.S. Olympic sites in Los Angeles, CA and Atlanta, GA in 1984 and 1996, respectively and all nine American venues for World Cup Soccer in 1994. Through his career Mr. Toma has appeared in many articles and television features including an appearance in the motion picture "Black Sunday" in 1973. He has received multiple awards including the 2005 Val Pinchbeck Service Award for his work on 36 Pro Bowls, and the 2001 Dan Reeves Pioneer Award at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH. In 1992, Toma was named to John Madden's All Madden Team.

As always, the Field Day will feature hands-on demonstrations by leading industry vendors. These demonstrations will be conducted on working sports fields showcasing the newest technology in sports turf management equipment. In addition to equipment demonstrations, attendees will have the opportunity to attend educational presentations on pest management topics that will qualify for re-certification credits for licensed pesticide applicators. Keep an eye out for promotional mailings! For information contact SFMANJ at 908-730-7770.



*George Toma, the 'Marquis de Sod' and Super Bowl turfgrass consultant, will be speaking at the upcoming SFMANJ Summer Field Day on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at the County College of Morris.*

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## A Look Back at SPRING FIELD DAY 2006

Brad Park\*

There is never a lack of practical information offered at a Sports Fields Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) Field Day. This year's Spring Field Day held at Shore Regional High School, West Long Branch and Monmouth Park Racetrack, Oceanport was no exception. A since 'thank you' goes out to Marco Oliveira, Facilities Manager, ARAMARK Corporation, Shore Regional High School and the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and Monmouth Park Racetrack for hosting the locations comprising the Field Day.

Following morning coffee and donuts sponsored by Storr

Tractor Co. and Northern Nurseries, the day began with a panel discussion related to various issues surrounding synthetic infill fields. Scott Bills, Northern Nurseries, Stan Moscrip, Athletic Field Development, and Brad Park, Rutgers Univ. participated in the panel and explored aspects of infill fields related to selection of base materials, glued vs. sewn seams, infill composition, and maintenance protocols. Sean Connell, Georgia Golf Construction and SFMANJ Board member is recognized for making Stan Moscrip's participation possible.

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