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A Busy December 2007 Awaits SFMANJ: EXPO 2007 & SFMANJ SYNTHETICS SYMPOSIUM

**The 32nd Annual
Turf & Landscape Conference 2007**
December 4-6, 2007
Trump Taj Mahal Casino-Resort, Atlantic City, NJ

By Brad Park

(Adapted from NJTA promotional materials)

Billed as "A Conference and Expo Dedicated to the Green Industry Profession", the New Jersey Turfgrass Association (NJTA) and the New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association (NJLCA) are proud to host this spectacular event! Now in its 32nd year, the New Jersey Green Expo has become an event you won't want to miss. The turfgrass and landscape industries continue to grow and prosper, so plan to attend the education sessions and trade show to learn what's new in your industry!

The Educational Program

The NJ Green Expo comprehensive Educational Program, with over forty speakers, is the source for the Green Industry to obtain cutting edge information for today's competitive economy. Programs deliver case studies, industry trends, "how to" applications and tactics to assist you and your operation to becoming more efficient.

The sports field managers program will begin Wednesday afternoon, December 5 at 1:00 pm with SFMANJ's Annual Business Meeting. We are pleased to have Dr. Mike Goatley from Virginia Tech speaking as part of the sports field managers program this year. Dr. Goatley will be addressing managing high traffic fields during this session and sports field construction during the Thursday morning session.

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Joel Taylor, Head Groundskeeper, Haddon Township Board of Education, addresses a large audience regarding the synthetic field he is responsible for maintaining at the SFMANJ District 4 Synthetic Infill Maintenance Demonstration Day held on September 19, 2007 at the Recchino Field Complex in Haddon Township, NJ

SFMANJ Synthetics Symposium
Rutgers' Cook Campus Center -
Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 6:00 – 9:30 pm

By Scott Bills

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) will be hosting a 'Synthetics Symposium' on Wednesday evening, December 12, 2007 from 6:00 pm until 9:30 pm at the Rutgers' Cook Campus Center, New Brunswick, NJ.

The purpose of the symposium will be to provide a forum, whereby decision makers and other interested parties from municipalities, schools, parks, athletic associations and engineering/architectural firms can hear presentations from several prominent synthetic turf companies in one evening. Each firm will be given up to 30 minutes to present their products and services, plus answer questions. In addition, each company will have a table and booth set up at the Cook Campus Center to meet with attendees and hand out literature.

All SFMANJ members are encouraged to attend and invite administrators, board members and other interested parties. Pre-registration costs are \$10.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Registration at the door will be \$25.00.

The SFMANJ Board of Directors recognizes the impact synthetic turf has made on sports fields and is prepared to provide its members with all the information necessary, to keep up with this ever-changing industry.

To register, please contact SFMANJ Executive Secretary Kathleen Hopfel at 908-730-7770; email: hq@sfmanj.org; or go to www.sfmanj.org



Joel Taylor (l) and Brad Park (r) assess surface hardness values generated by the Clegg Impact Soil Tester on the Recchino Field Complex synthetic infill field.

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The 32nd Annual Turf & Landscape Conference 2007

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Kevin Trotta, North Rockland School District and recipient of STMA's President's Award for Leadership will be speaking Wednesday afternoon on Environmental Turfcraft for Sports Fields.

A morning sports field managers networking session has again been scheduled for this year's Expo beginning at 7:00 am on Thursday, December 6. Education on synthetic fields will be presented on Thursday afternoon by Ken Mathis, Brick Township on Selecting a Synthetic Infill System and Kevin Malone, CSFM, Columbia University, on Management of Synthetic Infill Systems.

The entire Sports Field Managers Program is shown on Page 4 of this issue of SFMANJ Update.

Trade Show

The NJ Green Expo Trade Show is one of the largest Green Industry events in the tri-state area. With over two hundred projected exhibitors, you will have an opportunity see new products and services to help you make purchasing decisions and to develop important relationships in the Green Industry.

Make your plans now to come to Expo 2007!

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DID YOU KNOW?

A dicot is a plant having two cotyledons in the seed, as in broadleaf species.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007 THURSDAY PM	THURSDAY PM
1:00-1:30 SFMANJ Business Meeting	7:00-8:00 Early bird Sports Field Managers <i>Networking roundtable</i>	12:00-12:30 Bermudagrass use for Sports Fields in the Mid-Atlantic <i>Mike Kelley, Poly Tech High School, Delaware</i>
1:30-2:15 Management strategies for high traffic fields <i>Dr. Dr. Mike Goatley, Virginia Tech</i>	8:00-8:30 Elements of Sports Field Construction <i>Dr. Mike Goatley, Virginia Tech</i>	12:30-1:00 Selecting a synthetic infill system <i>Ken Mathis, Brick Township Parks</i>
2:15-2:45 A cost-based approach to assess task management <i>Don Savard, CSFM, CGM, Salesianum School</i>	8:30-9:00 Renovation of a little league infield <i>Jim Hermann, CSFM, Total Control, Inc.</i>	1:00-1:30 IPM at a NJ high school: Myth vs. reality <i>Rich Watson, Pine Hill School District</i>
2:45-3:30 Environmental turfcraft for Sports Fields <i>Kevin Trotta, North Rockland School District</i>	9:00-9:30 Grant writing: What you need to know <i>Beth Richmond, Bedford Recreation</i>	1:30-2:00 Management of synthetic infill systems <i>Kevin Malone, CSFM, Columbia University</i>
	9:30-10:00 Low-impact pesticides for turf <i>Brad Park, Rutgers University</i>	