

ATTENTION ALL SFMANJ MEMBERS: We are searching for back issues of SFMANJ

By Brad Park

SFMANJ *Update* has accumulated a significant body of information relevant to sports field management since the newsletter's inception in 2001. Among numerous topics, the newsletter has addressed turfgrass selection and management, baseball/softball skin surface issues, sports field construction, and personnel management.

SFMANJ *Update* authors have included: George Van Haasteren, CGM, recently awarded grounds management's highest honor, the E. Earl Wilson Award by the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS); Don Sarvard, CGM, CSFM, winner of the Green Star Honor Award by PGMS for his management of the sports fields and grounds at the Salesianum School, Wilmington, DE; and Nicole Sherry, former Head Groundskeeper for the Trenton Thunder, now Head Groundskeeper at Camden Yards, home of the MLB Baltimore Orioles.

The newsletter has served as a historical document. Detailed accounts of Field Days, the SFMANJ-generated sports field program at the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo and other green industry events have been reported in *Update*. Additionally, each issue lists the members of the SFMANJ Board of Directors as well as new and renewed members.

As Editor of *Update*, I would like to see the contributions of our authors and accounts of past SFMANJ events available to not only our membership but also an international audience. The Turfgrass Information File, a cooperative project sponsored by Michigan State University (MSU) and the United States Golf Association (USGA), offers a platform to allow the content of SFMANJ *Update* to be accessible worldwide via the internet.

According to its website, The Turfgrass Information Center (TIC), a specialized unit at the MSU Libraries, contains the most comprehensive publicly available collection of turfgrass educational materials in the world. TIC has over 125,000 records in its primary database, the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF), with over 30% linked to the full-text of the item.

Materials indexed by the TGIF are quickly accessible and include articles from peer reviewed publications, technical reports and conference proceedings, trade and professional publications, local professional newsletters, and popular magazines as well as monographs, theses and dissertations, fact sheets and

brochures, software, and web documents. TGIF indexes materials from government, college/university, professional organization, and private publishers.

Members of Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) can access TGIF by logging-in to the Members Only section of the STMA website.

The information published in *Update* over the years is a great fit for indexing in TGIF. Unfortunately, however, we are in-need back issues of the newsletter. We are looking for donations of the newsletter to be permanently sent to MSU. Michigan State will retain a hard copy of each newsletter and digitize it for electronic availability on the TGIF website.

Any help in this effort is greatly appreciated. We will acknowledge contributors in upcoming newsletters. Newsletters listed can be sent to the following address:

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Thanks again for your assistance!

We are looking for the following back issues of SFMANJ *Update*:

All issues in 2001

All issues in 2002

All issues in 2003

All issues in 2004

January/February 2005

July/August 2005

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