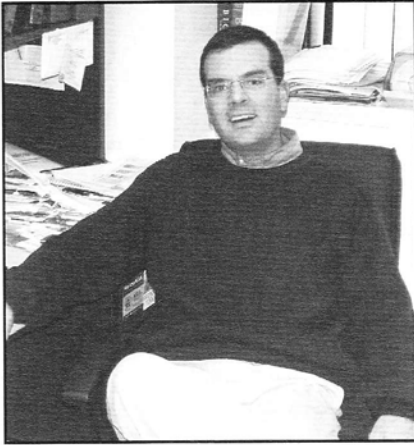


From the Editor:

An "Update" on SFMANJ Update

By: Brad Park



Changes to *Update* for 2009

Beginning in 2009, SFMANJ *Update* newsletter will be published four times per year. The dates for publication in 2009 will be March (Spring), June (Summer), September (Fall), and December (Winter).

For our advertisers, we have kept advertising rates in *Update* constant since 2005 despite increased mailing and administrative costs. For our SFMANJ vendor members who purchase advertising for the year (4 issues) in 2009, the total annual cost of advertising in SFMANJ *Update* will remain unchanged in 2009. In an effort to encourage advertisers who are not currently vendor members to join SFMANJ, advertising rates for non-SFMANJ vendor members will be increased.

If you are a vendor interested in advertise opportunities in SFMANJ *Update*, please contact our Executive Secretary, Debbie Savard, at 856-514-3179.

It is my goal that we continue to provide the best (in my humble opinion) newsletter among Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA)-affiliated Chapters. Practical sports field tips and research-based information from both the practitioner and academic communities will continue to be provided in *Update* as well as coverage of recent SFMANJ events and notifications of future field days and activities.

Back issues of *Update*

We have made significant gains in acquiring back issues of *Update* newsletter – including the very first issue published in July 2001. The two-page

newsletter (front-and-back) reported on the Chapter's first Field Day, hosted by Commerce Bank Park, Bridgewater and Head Groundskeeper Ray Cipperly. The issue also ran a Calendar of Events (including an STMA Conference in Las Vegas and several Floyd Perry Workshops), Monthly Field Tips, and Question & Answer section on mowing height.

I would personally like to thank **Brad Pastrick**, North Brunswick Parks; **Eugene "Spooner" Peer**, Montville Township; and **Eleanora Hermann**, SFMANJ Past-President for donating their personal copies of *Update*.

I hope to see you all at an upcoming SFMANJ event. Best of luck in 2009!

-Brad



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