



# WELCOME NEW & RENEWED SFMANJ MEMBERS

Currently we have 170 new & renewed members. In December 2008, SFMANJ mailed invoices for 2009 membership dues to all current members. If you did not receive an invoice, please contact us at 856-514-3179 or download the membership form available at [www.sfmanj.org](http://www.sfmanj.org). Mail membership dues direct to SFMANJ, PO Box 205, Pennsville, NJ 08070.

STEPHANIE A ALEA  
DENNIS ANDERSON  
ANTHONY BARONE  
JILLIAN P BERRY  
JAMES W BETTS  
BARNARD F BIGLEY III

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY  
DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
DOWN TO EARTH LANDSCAPING, INC.  
TUCKAHOE TURF FARMS, INC.  
MANASQUAN BOARD OF ED

*(continued on page 4)*

**SFMANJ Annual Membership Registration Form**  
\*receive update information by email

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
\*E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Individual .....\$50  
Associate.....\$50  
Organization/Institution.....\$50  
    Additional member from facility .....\$30  
Commercial/Contractor/Vendor/Supplier .....\$105  
    Additional member from company.....\$35  
Student.....\$15

Send with Check or voucher to:  
SFMANJ  
P.O. Box 205 • Pennsville, NJ 08070

## 2009 SFMANJ Board of Directors

*President* . . .Don Savard, CSFM, CGM, Salesianum School  
*Vice President* . . . . .Fred Castenschield, Storr Tractor Co.  
*Secretary* . . . . .Scott Bills, Northern Nurseries  
*Treasurer* . . . . .Mike Viersma, The Viersma Companies

### DIRECTORS

Sean Connell . . . . .Georgia Golf Construction  
Ray Cipperly . . . . .Somerset Patriots Baseball Club  
Jeff Cramer, CPWM . . . . .Howell Township  
Jim Gates . . . . .Jim Gates & Co., Inc.  
Jim Gavigan, CSFM . . . . .Jim Gavigan Consulting  
Matt Olivi . . . . .Piscataway Board of Education  
Brad Park . . . . .Rutgers University  
Craig Tolley . . . . .County College of Morris

**Advisor:** . . . . .Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers University  
**Executive Secretary:** . . . . .Debbie Savard

### MISSION STATEMENT:

Committed to enhancing the professionalism of athletic field managers by improving the safety, playability and appearance of athletic fields at all levels through seminars, field days, publications and networking with those in the sports turf industry.

#### Contact us at:

PO Box 205 • Pennsville, NJ 08070  
Web site: [www.sfmanj.org](http://www.sfmanj.org)  
Email: [hq@sfmanj.org](mailto:hq@sfmanj.org)  
**Ph/fax: 856-514-3179**

National Organization  
Sports Turf Managers Association

[www.stma.org](http://www.stma.org)  
Email: [stmainfo@stma.org](mailto:stmainfo@stma.org)  
**Phone: 800-323-3875**

## Inside This Issue

Welcome New & Renewed Members . . . . . 3  
Membership Form . . . . . 3  
SFMANJ Board of Directors . . . . . 3  
Sports Turf Management During Late Winter and Spring . . . . 7  
2009 Calendar of Events . . . . . 9  
Rutgers Student Team Competes in 2009 STMA  
    Student Challenge . . . . .10  
A Rutgers' Student Recalls his Experience at STMA . . . . .11  
The Politics of Sports Field Management (Part 2) . . . . .12  
2009 Proud Sponsor Directory . . . . .15  
SFMAN Field of the Year Contest 2009 . . . . .15  
Update: New Jersey Investigation of Artificial Turf and  
    Human Health Concerns - August 2008 . . . . .16

This newsletter is the official bi-monthly publication of the Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey.

**For information regarding this newsletter, contact:**  
SFMANJ at (856) 514-3179 or Brad Park at (732) 932-9711, x127  
*Editor:* Brad Park, Rutgers University • Email: [park@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:park@aesop.rutgers.edu)

*SFMANJ does not necessarily support the opinions of those reflected in the following articles.*

# WELCOME NEW & RENEWED SFMANJ MEMBERS

(Continued from page 3)

WALTER BIJACZYK, JR.	SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION	THOMAS MARTIN	PRITCHARD INDUSTRIES, INC.	CHUCK REYNOLDS	REED & PERRINE
SCOTT BILLS	NORTHERN NURSERIES	PAUL MARTINO	APPLIED LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGIES	EDMUND ROHLAND	MILLVILLE BABE RUTH SPORTS COMPLEX
JIM BRADBURY	MANALAPAN/ENGLISHTOWN BOARD OF ED	DANIEL MCCORMIC	MARLBORO TOWNSHIP BOARD	ISMAEL ROSARIO	BUENA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STEVE BRADLEY	STORR TRACTOR CO		OF EDUCATION	MICHAEL RYAN	THE LANDTEK GROUP, INC.
PAUL BRUNI	DELAWARE VALLEY SPRAY SERVICE, INC.	JOHN MCKNIGHT	US ATHLETIC FIELDS, INC.	ED SANTALONE, JR.	ATLANTIC IRRIGATION SPECIALTIES
BOB BUONO	TRI STATE ATHLETIC FIELD SERV. & SUPPLIES	THOMAS MILLER	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC.	DON SAVARD, CSFM, CGM	SALESIANUM SCHOOL
PAUL BURKE	TOWNSHIP OF MANALPAN	BOYD MONTGOMERY, CSFM, CSE	THE TORO COMPANY	MICHAEL SHANKO	PEDDIE SCHOOL
MICHAEL CAPONE	THE LANDTEK GROUP	TIM MOORE	THE LAWRENCEVILLE SCHOOL	JACK SHANNON	WEST DEPTFORD BOE
PETE CARUSO	LEVITT'S LLC	LAWRENCE MORGAN JR.	TUCKAHOE TURF FARMS, INC.	TIMOTHY SIBICKY	
FRED CASTENSCHILD	STORR TRACTOR COMPANY	MIKE MORRIS	WESTFIELD BOARD OF ED	BILL SIEGEL	US ATHLETIC FIELDS, INC.
JOHN CATALDO	CHATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT	JAMES A MURPHY, PH.D.	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	BRAD SIMPKINS	PLANT FOOD COMPANY
JAMES CHIMENTO	JC LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION MGMT	DENNIS MYERS	RANNEY SCHOOL	JOSEPH SPEVAK	MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP DPW
RAY CIPPERLY	SOMERSET PATRIOTS BASEBALL CLUB	FREDERICO NEALON		RICHARD STANDOWSKI	BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE
BRUCE CLARKE, PH.D.	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	ART NEFF	VILLAGE OF CROTON-ON-HUDSON	BRIAN STEPHENSON	NEWARK ACADEMY
MIKE CLIFFORD	WILFRED MACDONALD	JOHN P NELSON, JR	AMERICAN ATHLETIC COURTS, INC.	TOM STEWARD	CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEAN CONNELL	GEORGIA GOLF CONSTRUCTION, INC.	DICK NEUFELD	PLANT FOOD COMPANY	ADOLF STEYH	BYRAM TOWNSHIP
MATT CONTI	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	NAT NUOVO	FIELD PRO ENTERPRISES, LLC	JAMES STRYKER	DELAWARE VALLEY REG HS
JOHN COOMBS	COOMBS SOD FARMS LLC	MICHAEL O'CONNOR	BERGAN COUNTY TECH SCHOOLS	PARK SUPERINTENDENT	KEARNY DPW, SHADE TREE DIV.
JOHN CROSSEN	TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH	BRADLEY S PARK	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	FRED TESTA	BRICK BOARD OF ED
ROBERT CURRY	COVERMASTER, INC.	J. CASEY PARKER	TOWNSHIP OF LACEY	JERRY THORNE	CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
LEONARD M DEBUCK	DEBUCK'S SOD FARM OF NY, INC.	ROCCO PASSOMATO	CHATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT	ANDREW TOBIAS	SOUTH RIVER BOARD OF ED
DENNIS DEVANCTIS SR.	AER-CORE, INC.	TONY PAVELEC, JR	PAVELEC BROS. GOLF COURSE CONST.	CRAIG TOLLEY	COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS
JOHN DESANIS JR.	HILLSIDE GARDENS, INC.	RICHARD PENDLE	FLORENCE TOWNSHIP	JAY TRSTENSKY	DELAWARE TOWNSHIP
BOB DISKO	SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION	DAVID PERILLI	PERILLI LANDSCAPING, INC.	WALTER TUCKER	CITY OF OCEAN CITY
JERRY DOOLEY	CLAYTON SAND LLC	WES PERRINE	GREEN PRO MATERIALS	SCOTT VAN DEMARK	MAHWAH BOARD OF ED
PAT DOUGHERTY	NATIONAL SEED	JOSEPH PITCHER	HARDING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL	PETER VAN DRUMPT	DRYJECT, INC.
TOM DRAYER	TURF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY CO	TED PLATZ	PLANT FOOD COMPANY	JEFF VANACKER	HARDYSTON DPW
CLIFF DUBASAK	ROSELLE PARK BOARD OF ED	MARIE POMPEI	F.M. BROWN'S SONS, INC.	BARRY VANSANT	NATIONAL SEED
THERESA A DUNWIDDIE	NJ RECREATION AND	DANIEL PURNER	SOMERSET PATRIOTS	MICHAEL VIERSMA	BOB VIERSMA & SONS, INC.
	PARK ASSOCIATION	RYAN RADCLIFFE	LAKEWOOD BLUECLAWS	DAVID J WARD, SR.	ROXBURY TOWNSHIP
THOMAS ELDER	EWING TOWNSHIP	CHARLES RAMOS	RANNEY SCHOOL	JOSEPH WARNER, CSFM	THE E MAE COMPANY
ROBERT ERICKSON	CITY OF BORDENTOWN	MARK RAPP	CINNAMUN TOWNSHIP	BERNIE WHITE	WILFRED MCDONALD
LANCE ERNST	TURF EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY CO, INC.	WILL F REARDON, JR.	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	BILL WISE	RAIN BIRD CORPORATION
DAVID ERTLE	OCEAN CITY UTILITIES AUTHORITY	RON REED	PLAYERS CHOICE TURF	JERRY YOUNKERS	SPARTA TOWNSHIP PARKS DEPT
SALVATORE FAMA	SHERWIN WILLIAMS COMPANY	RICH RESAVY	TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH		
WILLIAM B FEURY	THE TERRE COMPANY	ROBERT REVELLO	MORRISTOWN BEARD SCHOOL		
DANIEL FICK	PROFILE PRODUCTS, LLC				
THOMAS J FIK PE, CME	CARROLL ENGINEERING CO.				
GUY D FITZGERALD	LANDTEK GROUP INC.				
MARK FLETCHER	ST ROSE HIGH SCHOOL				
BILL FOELSCH	MORRIS TOWNSHIP				
PETER GALOSI	CINNAMINSON BOARD OF ED				
CARL F GANGER JR.	BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK				
BRIAN GARDNER	TUCKERTON TURF FARMS, INC.				
JAMES GATES	JIM GATES & CO, INC.				
SCOTT GEIER	BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE				
JOHN GRANDE, PH.D.	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY				
JEFFREY K GRAYDON	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY				
KEN GRIEPENTROG	NATIONAL SEED				
GLENN GRIFFITH	ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP				
JEFF HALL	MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP				
JAMIE HAMMOND	TOTAL SPORTS EXPERIENCE				
RICHARD HANS	CITY OF WILDWOOD,				
	BYRNE COMMUNITY CENTER				
ROBERT HANSEN	BATTERY PARK CITY PARKS CONSERVANCY				
WILLIAM HEINZ	SPARTA TOWNSHIP PARKS DEPT				
KEN HENSHAW	ATLANTIC COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL				
GEORGE HERBERGER	BEN SCHAFER & ASSOCIATES, INC.				
JAMES HERMANN	CSFM TOTAL CONTROL, INC.				
KEVIN HOBAN	STORR TRACTOR CO				
BLAKE HOERR	NEW YORK JETS				
GENE HUELSTER	GRASS ROOTS TURF PRODUCTS, INC.				
CHRIS A HUSTUS	LENAPE BOARD OF ED				
RICH KALISH CTP	FARMSIDE LANDSCAPE & DESIGN, INC.				
JOHN M KAPP	WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO				
	REG. SCHOOL DIST				
INGRID KERN	PLANT FOOD COMPANY				
GERARD KERR	KEARNY DPW, SHADE TREE DIV.				
ERIC D KOCH	RUTGERS				
SCOTT P KORLESKY	GENIE LAWN CARE				
DAVID LALENA	TURF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY COMPANY				
ANTHONY LANCE	TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE PARKS DEPT				
FRANK LASASSO	HAMMONTON BOARD OF ED				
JIM LAWLOR	ATLANTIC CITY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DIST				
BRIAN LESCRINIER	THE TERRE COMPANY				
MARIO LORENC	KEARNY DPW, SHADE TREE DIV.				
JOSEPH LUGARA	ROSELLE PARK BOARD OF ED				
MARTY LYONS	THE LANDTEK GROUP, INC.				
KEVIN MALONE CSFM	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY-				
	BAKER FIELD ATHLETIC COMPLEX				
NICK MANNA	WESTFIELD BOARD OF ED				
TOM MANTZ	BRANCHBURG TOWNSHIP				

## 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