

President's Message:

Looking Forward to



FALL!



By Don Savard, CSFM, CGM

After this past summer's heat, I'm sure that many of us are looking forward to a more comfortable autumn. My sports fields at the school where I work made it through the summer in fair shape (but not as good as last year). Every summer it is survival of the fittest, and the turfgrass varieties that endure the heat and disease pressures are thriving now. That which has died out has made room for the newest improved turfgrass varieties that I will be overseeding with.

Fall is a great time to make adjustments for the next year. Not only is it a great time to rebuild turf, for many of us who operate within a July first to end of June budget year, it is the time to make the budget for the next fiscal year. For those who are fortunate to participate in your budgeting process, this is an opportunity to have a voice in the direction that your program is going to take.

SFMANJ is planning a Seminar on Wheels this fall for our members. We will visit the Baker Athletics Complex, the primary athletics facility for Columbia's University's outdoor sports programs. A guided tour led by Columbia's sports field manager and SFMANJ member Kevin Malone, CSFM will feature the variety of different synthetic sports field systems used for collegiate sports including football, soccer, baseball, softball, field hockey, lacrosse, track & field and tennis. You will see and hear firsthand how an all synthetic sports complex is professionally managed on a daily basis. Motorcoach transportation and lunch will be included. Other interesting stops are also planned. Stay tuned for more information about this.

And while you are planning, we hope that you will be able to join us December 7-9 2010 in Atlantic City, NJ for the 35th Annual EXPO at the Taj Mahal. Be sure to read the article in this issue "Convincing your Employer to Send You to Expo 2010"

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New Jersey Green Expo Turf & Landscape Conference

Trump Taj Mahal Casino-Resort, Atlantic City, NJ
December 7-9, 2010

2010 Sports Field Managers Program

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

- 1:00 pm **Weed control strategies for school grounds**
Steve Hart, Rutgers University
- 1:30 pm **White grub control strategies for school grounds**
Rich Buckley, Rutgers University
- 2:00 pm **Integrated Pest Management strategies for school grounds**
Mary Owen, University of Massachusetts
- 3:00 pm **Environmental turfcraft for school grounds**
Kevin Trotta, North Rockland, NY Board of Education
- 4:00 pm **Trade Show**

Wednesday December 8, 2010

- 7:30 am **Early bird sports field managers**
Networking roundtable
- 8:30 am **SFMANJ Annual Business Meeting**
- 9:15 am **The year in review: 2010**
Brad Park, Rutgers University
- 9:45 am **Turfgrass establishment procedures for athletic fields**
Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers University
- 10:30 am **Building an organic fertility program**
Mary Owen, University of Massachusetts
- 11:30 am **Trade Show**
- 2:30 pm **Managing natural and synthetic fields in Long Branch, NJ**
Frank Ravaschiere, City of Long Branch
- 3:15 pm **Panel: Working with fewer resources & managing expectations**
Moderator: Don Savard, CSFM, CGM
Ray Cipperly, Athletic Director, Middlesex County Vo-Tech
Frank LoSasso, Varsity Baseball Coach, Hammonton High School
Brian DeLucia, Piscataway Business Administrator
Scott Bills, CSFM, Former Division I Baseball Player,
Northern Nurseries
- 5:00 pm **Conclusion**