

A Message from The President






By Don Savard, CSFM, CGM

Fall sports are finished, and I have begun to transition into spring. We just finished rebuilding 8 bullpen mounds and 2 game mounds, made some repairs and renovated an entire baseball field. Our sports preseason begins March 1, and I like to have most things finished and ready to go before the Holidays. For me, the winter months are my break. It is when recharge my batteries. I still have routine chores typical of a grounds manager at a K-12 school, but I get some time to plan, and prepare for the next season. It is also the time when I attend short courses and build up pesticide and other credits that I need.

We hope that you were able to join us December 6-8 in Atlantic City for EXPO for our sports field manager sessions. We had the best attendance in recent years for our Sports Turf Managers sessions. There were many good sessions and plenty of opportunities for credits.

Speaking of educational opportunities, January 11-15, 2011, the Sports Turf Managers Association 22 annual Conference and Exhibition celebrating STMA's 30th Anniversary will be held in Austin Texas. Visit their website at www.stma.org for more information. Rutgers Office of Continuing Professional Education has a number of short course offerings in February and March (visit their website <http://www.cpe.rutgers.edu/programs/landscape.html>). Stay tuned to SFMANJ's website for information about upcoming field days and other educational events at www.sfmanj.org.

Volunteers are always welcome for SFMANJ service. Give something back to the industry by serving on a committee, helping out during an event, or writing an article for this newsletter. Besides doing good works, you will have an opportunity to work with and network with some of the finest people in the industry. Remember *it is what you know and who you know!* Start by attending an SFMANJ Board of Directors Meeting. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday January 5, 2011 5:30 PM at the Rutgers Geiger Center. Call (856) 514-3179 for more information and directions. I hope that you will join us.

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