

From the Editor's Desk:

News and Notes from 2010

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We've reached several milestones in the production of SFMANJ Update.

The year 2010 marked the 10th, yes the TENTH, year of continuous publication of our newsletter. I truly believe we have one of the finest Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) chapter newsletters in the country. Our Executive Secretary, Debra Savard performs layout, design, and mailing as well as advertising sales and organization. The in-house production of the newsletter allows us to efficiently deliver the newsletter to our membership. I, as well as the entire SFMANJ Board of Directors, thank Debbie for her fine work and contribution.

We have obtained an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) for *Update*. You may have notice the addition of the number on the front cover of this edition. I believe the ISSN will increase the exposure of our newsletters. The ISSN website notes several advantages of obtaining this number including the accurate citing of serials by scholars, researchers, abstracters, and librarians; simplification of interlibrary loan systems and union catalog reporting and listing; and all ISSN registrations are

maintained in an international data base and are made available in the ISSN Register online. This issue, as well as all future issues of *SFMANJ Update*, will be received by the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

The long journey towards digitization and delivery of an electronic copy of each issue of *SFMANJ Update* (2001-current) to the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) at Michigan State University was completed in 2010. One-hundred sixty-seven (167) articles appearing in *Update* that report on turfgrass research, personnel management, observations and tips from sports field managers, and other turfgrass and skin surface related information are now cataloged on TGIF (as of publication of this issue of *Update*). Some articles can be digitally accessed directly; others will be available through the Interlibrary Loan Program. I strongly encourage you to access TGIF through the members only section of STMA's website at www.stma.org to search and view this significant contribution to the turfgrass literature.

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Did you know . . .

Thatch is a layer of undecomposed or partially decomposed organic residues situated above the soil surface and constituting the upper stratum of the medium that supports turfgrass growth.



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Articles. Interested in contributing to *Update*? Do you have a turfgrass or skin surface tip that you would like to share with *Update* readers? Have you observed something unique going on at your facility in which you care to report? Can you share information on working with coaches, parents, and others who have a stake in the sports fields you manage? How are you dealing with reduced budgets? All sports field topics are fair game and we would like to expand our list of regular contributors. Articles can be sent to: park@aesop.rutgers.edu

Good luck in 2011!

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