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A Message from The President

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"AUT VIAM
INVENIAM AUT
FACIAM"

translated from Latin:

"I SHALL EITHER FIND A WAY OR MAKE ONE." Hannibal.

This phrase (attributed to Hannibal) supposedly was his response; when his generals told him that it was impossible to cross the Alps with his elephants.

Sports field managers (as a group) are a resourceful bunch. It really doesn't matter what obstacles we might encounter, we always seem to find the right fix. Whether the solution is of our own creation or borrowed from some other source, like Hannibal, we either find a way or make one. We like to know what works. Learning what doesn't work from someone else is far easier than learning it the hard way firsthand. And in these times, when money is tight and jobs are on the line, we don't want to make too many mistakes. The winter months are a wonderful time to attend training classes and network with other people who do what you do. From the Green Expo in Atlantic City in December to the STMA conference in Long Beach, California in January to the Rutgers continuing education classes in February, there opportunities to dial into solutions to everyday problems. If funding to attend these programs is an issue, the SFMANJ has made some of our Field Days and workshops FREE to members. If you have an idea for something that you want to do, see or participate in, please call us at 856 514-3179 or email us at mail@sfmanj.org. We would like to hear from you.

And lastly, on a personal note, I will be stepping into a new role with the SFMANJ Board of Directors in 2012 when I become Past President. Thank you for your support over the past 3 years. I will always be grateful for the service opportunity that the SFMANJ Board of Directors had entrusted me with. Please join me in welcoming Matt Olivi as our new Chapter President. Matt has been a member of the SFMANJ Board of Directors since 2007 and has served on various committees, most notably as Chairman of the Education and Activities committee, the group that plans and puts together our events. He has the energy, enthusiasm, vision and leadership qualities that will guide our Chapter forward. **Good Luck Matt!**

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Of Interest . . .



Andrew Powers, Rutgers Turfgrass Student (l) received the annually-awarded SFMANJ Rutgers Student Scholarship. The scholarship was presented by Matt Olivi, Piscataway Board of Education and in-coming President, SFMANJ (r) at the Rutgers Turfgrass Awards Banquet on October 22, 2011.



Dan Shemesh, Director of Grounds, New York Red Bulls and SFMANJ Member, is employing unique artificial lighting technology to improve turf quality at Red Bull Arena, Harrison, NJ.