

New Jersey GREEN EXPO

Turf & Landscape Conference

Trump Taj Mahal Casino-Resort, Atlantic City, NJ

2012 Sports Field Managers Expo Program

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 – 1:45 **Establishing pest threshold levels on school grounds**

Don Savard, CSFM, CGM, Salesianum School, Wilmington, DE

1:45 – 2:15 **Turf selection to minimize pesticide inputs on school sports fields and grounds**

Vickie Wallace, University of Connecticut

2:15 – 2:45 **Cultural strategies to reduce weed encroachment on school sports fields and grounds**

Dr. Roch Gaussoin, University of Nebraska

2:45 – 3:00 **SFMANJ Field of the Year Presentation**

3:00 – 4:00 **The NJ School IPM Law: What you need to know to comply**

Dr. Roy Meyer and Tim Boyle, NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection, Pesticide Control Program

4:00 – 7:00 **Trade show**

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2012

MORNING SESSION

7:30 - 8:30 **Early bird sports field managers**

Networking roundtable

8:30 – 9:00 **Annual Business Meeting**

9:00 – 9:30 **The year in review**

Brad Park, Rutgers University

9:30 – 10:15 **Sports field management at Hammonton High School**

Frank LoSasso, Hammonton BOE

10:15-11:00 **Best management practices for high traffic sports fields**

Vickie Wallace, University of Connecticut

11:00-11:30 **Cultivation practices for sports fields**

Dr. Doug Karcher, University of Arkansas

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 – 3:00 **Management of sports fields & grounds in Monroe Township, NJ**

Virgil Caputo, Monroe Township, NJ

3:30 – 5:00 **Tales from the Minor Leagues**

*Ryan Hills, Trenton Thunder
Will Reardon, Newark Bears
Dan Purner, Somerset Patriots*



Making Plans for NEXT YEAR

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evaporation and plant transpiration (evapotranspiration). Does your soil absorb the water being delivered, or is there runoff and puddling? Is the distribution uniform or are there both saturated and dry spots? Does the time of day that you irrigate promote plant health or plant disease? An irrigation audit is a useful tool to measure how efficiently your irrigation system and watering program is working. For information on how to conduct an irrigation audit, visit the Irrigation Association website: www.irrigation.org. Not only does smart irrigation promote better turfgrass health, it saves money and does not waste your time.

Fertilizer certification and School IPM laws have been getting plenty of attention in New Jersey (and elsewhere) lately. Take the time to read and completely understand what is being asked of you. While there are some new guidelines to follow, you will still be allowed to perform the tasks of feeding turf and managing weeds, insects and diseases. Regularly scheduled soil tests and scouting for problems allows you customize your program to your environmental conditions. Based on my sports field's soil test results, I have been able to eliminate Phosphorus and Potassium from some fertilizer applications without sacrificing quality and saving lots of money. "P" and "K" are expensive. Why buy it if you don't need it?

The end of the year is a good time to ask yourself how well you interacted with and treated the people around you. These include your family, coworkers, bosses, user groups and the people who sell to you and provide you with services. If your relationships with any or all of those people are damaged, look inward and try to find some understanding of the problem and what part you might have played. I can attest (from firsthand experience) that some of my damaged relationships improved when I reached out and made amends.

Lastly, what have you done for yourself lately in terms of personal and professional development? Have you taken a class, or read a book lately. Personal development keeps you sharp and competitive. It energizes you and gives you personal power. Remember, if you are not pedaling, you are coasting, and if you coast long enough, you are headed downhill.

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