



A Message from The President . . . Looking forward to our fall events

by Matt Olivi

We are now approaching the home stretch of 2013. After another successful summer tradeshow at the Rutgers Research Field Day, SFMANJ is now focusing on the upcoming Fall Field Day on Thursday November 7. Last Fall Hurricane Sandy forced us to cancel what was shaping-up to be a great Field Day Event at East Brunswick Vo-Tech High School (EBVTHS). When EBVTHS athletic director Ray Cipperly made the suggestion to re-run the program this year, the SFMANJ Board of Directors jumped at the idea. Over the past few years, our professional facility members have been very supportive of SFMANJ educational programs and they are clearly continuing that tradition this year. Field Managers from the Somerset Patriots, Lakewood BlueClaws, Trenton Thunder, Lehigh Valley IronPigs and the New York Mets, will all be in attendance to demonstrate effective Baseball Field Maintenance Strategies and share their perspectives. The Event will follow a clinic-style format where attendees will be able to focus on one specific area of the field at a time. A tradeshow complete with equipment demonstrations will be incorporated into the educational program so attendees

will be able to see what's on the market to help them achieve their maintenance goals. Admission to the event will be free to all SFMANJ members so don't miss this great opportunity to learn from the pros. Be on the lookout for detailed program brochures and registration information. Please contact the SFMANJ office for event details, sponsorship opportunities and program information.

It's never too early to look ahead to December and the annual NJ Green Expo in Atlantic City. Expo will be held December 10-12, 2013 at the Trump Taj Mahal. It's a great opportunity to expand your technical knowledge and gain a new perspective on field management and maintenance. As always, attendees will have an opportunity to load-up on pesticide recertification credits at any of the sports field management sessions throughout the conference. Come for the education and stay for the annual trade show to catch-up with old friends and colleagues. I hope to see you there.

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