

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

presented to

SFMANJ BOARD MEMBER  
AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR

## BRAD PARK

by Debra Savard

This year, the Board of Directors honored one of their own at the 2013 Green Expo at the Trump Taj Mahalin in Atlantic City, NJ. The award was presented to Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey Board of Directors Member and Newsletter Editor, Brad Park for his ten years of dedicated service to the SFMANJ and to all of its members.

Brad is also the Sports Turf Research & Education Coordinator, Rutgers University. He also has been our go-to guy for any sort of a question, whether it be “when did this happened?” or “how did we do this?” or “where was that?” . . . Brad always has the answers. He can sit, listen to a rowdy debate on a certain topic and then calmly say “well, this is what I think we should do”. And we usually do. We appreciate his dry wit!



Brad is our Rutgers connection, full of wonderful advice, as many of you know who have called and had him come out to inspect your field. He even provides a location, the Rutgers Geiger Center, for the Board meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

It would be hard to imagine the Board of Directors without him. He has been a source of inspiration and knowledge for all of us. Here's to 10 more! **Thank you Brad!**



Debra Savard is the SFMANJ Executive Secretary

## UPDATE

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## A Message from The President . . .

of Directors will be traveling to the Lone Star State to represent New Jersey at the annual Chapter Officers Training Session (COTS). The COTS meeting provides our chapter officers an opportunity to exchange ideas with chapter leaders of other Sports Field Managers Associations from around the country.

Sharing ideas on the local level is vital to the continued development of our New Jersey Chapter of Sports Field Managers. Be sure to keep the feedback flowing to your Board of Directors. We always attempt to tailor educational programs and utilize chapter resources in the most efficient means possible. Our goal is always to support you as a Field Manager in New Jersey and provide you with whatever educational assistance and resources you might need. We'll be looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at upcoming events.

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