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Message from the SFMANJ President:

THANK YOU!

By Zach Holm, CSFM

Dear SFMANJ Members:

On behalf of the entire Board, I wanted to say, "Thank you".

Thank you for everything you do to promote our industry and to your commitment to SFMANJ. We all understand that last year was a difficult year for all and we were disappointed to not see you in person.

As the pandemic continues to get better we look forward to seeing everyone throughout the year this year. Thank you to the members that attended the Spring Field Day. I thought it was a great event and was great to be able to host a field day again. A very special thank you goes to Allen Carter, James Betts and everyone at Tuckahoe Turf Farms for hosting the event.

I hope to see everyone at the Rutgers Summer Field Day and SFMANJ's Fall Field Day later this year. Thank you!

Zach Holm, is a Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM); Turf Manager, Central Park Conservancy; SFMANJ President

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NOTE LOCATION FOR 2021 - Rutgers Hort. Farm No. 2, North Brunswick, NJ

By Brad Park, Rutgers University

The New Jersey Turfgrass Association (NJTA), Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ), and Rutgers University will once again join forces to hold the Rutgers Lawn, Landscape, and Sports Turf Field Day ... in person for 2021! Due to major road improvements immediately outside the Adelpia Research Farm, this year's event will be held at Rutgers Hort. Farm No. 2, North Brunswick, NJ on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

A table top trade show will be sponsored and administered by SFMANJ and is open to all vendors who sell products and services to the Green Industry. Coffee, bagels, Danish pastries, etc. will be served during the trade show. The trade show provides a great opportunity for attendees to network with other Green Industry professionals and examine the latest product offerings from Industry-supporting vendors. NOTE: There will be no equipment demonstrations as part of the Lawn, Landscape and Sports Turf Field Day at Hort. Farm II in 2021.

After opening remarks from Rutgers University representatives, the education portion of the program will begin at 9:00 am. Groups will rotate between three 17-minute tour stops per hour. Each stop will consist of turfgrass education. There will be four 3-stop rotations between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Rutgers Hort. Farm No. 2 is home to golf and sports turf focused research conducted by the Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear Rutgers Turf Center faculty and staff describe turfgrass field trials examining turfgrass variety performance under traffic stresses, minimum inputs, and new varieties and experimental selections of the major cool-season turfgrass species.

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Turfgrass fungicide and herbicide trials are annually conducted by Rutgers Faculty at Hort. Farm No. 2 and will be included as educational tour stops. Stark contrasts between effective and ineffective treatments are often visually apparent in these trials providing

attendees with useful information on product selection, application timings, and application rates.

Following the turfgrass education, a fine lunch will be served to all of those in attendance. The trade show will also be open during this time. Following lunch, New Jersey DEP pesticide recertification credits, and credits from neighboring states per approval, will be available to attendees.

See you in-person on July 28!

Please note the following:

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the NJTA website: www.njturfgrass.org;
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Those vendors interested in reserving a table top for the trade show are encouraged to contact SFMANJ for more information and appropriate paperwork
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Sports Turf Managers Association

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Document Update

By Zach Holm, CSFM

As you may have seen, Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) released its Best Management Practices (BMP) for the Sports Field Manager on April 22, 2021. This resource is available at no-charge to Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey members through the STMA website. The 100+ page document is intended to service as a national template and comprehensive compilation of environmental best practices for the sports field manager.

Sports Turf Managers Association recognized the need for such a document and formed a task force in 2019, including hiring a consultant, Stacey Kingsbury, to write the document. The task force met for the first time at the STMA Conference in 2020. The BMP task force consisted of STMA members from all over the country representing different sectors of the industry. The document focuses on the sports field manager profession and our environmental stewardship practices. Chapters in the BMP document include: Planning, design and construction, Turfgrass Establishment, cultural practices including mowing, nutrient management, irrigation, cultivation and IPM, pesticide Management, sustainable landscaping, synthetic turf, maintenance operations and emergency preparedness.

The process of creating the document involved each chapter being divided into a subcommittee for initial drafting of that chapter. Each subcommittee met two or three times to discuss the chapter content. The documents was then reviewed by the entire task force and edits were compiled, discussed, and changed if necessary. Once the task force finished their edits of the document it was reviewed by other industry leaders for a fresh perspective.

A key area of focus in the document was providing safe playing surfaces for all sectors and level of play while promotion environmental stewardship, particularly water conservation and the opportunity to reduce other turfgrass management inputs. The intent was always to provide a positive professional focus to the role of the sports field manager and the BMP document. STMA also expects this document potentially will be viewed by administration, athletic directors, legislators, and town constituents and show the importance and need of a sports turf manager.

I would like to thank SFMANJ board members Brad Park and Scott Bills for their role in reviewing the document. If anyone has any questions about the document, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Zach Holm, is a Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM);
Turf Manager, Central Park Conservancy;
SFMANJ President; and Member, STMA BMP Task Force*

Meet new SFMANJ Board Member:

Timothy Hamfeldt, CPRP

I started out in the Parks and Recreation field 14 years ago as a seasonal maintenance employee for the Township of Morris. Throughout the years I have taken many turf and sports field courses at Rutgers, Ohio State, and the University of Georgia. I have also attended many SFMANJ field days. I am a certified fertilizer applicator, commercial pesticide applicator, pool operator, and parks and recreation professional.

Currently, I am in the process of obtaining my recertification for playground safety inspector. Two years ago I was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Parks for Morris Township.

I oversee the operations of our maintenance staff. We maintain one synthetic turf football field with small attached synthetic baseball field, 23 natural turfgrass fields, 17 skinned infields, as well as maintaining the Townships playgrounds and assisting in the opening and closing of our two town pools.

I look forward to my time with the Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey as a newly appointed Board Member.

*Timothy Hamfeldt is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP);
Assistant Parks Superintendent, Morris Township, NJ;
and SFMANJ Board Member*

Welcome Tim!

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AGENDA

7:30 to 9:00 AM

Tent/Registration **Table-Top Trade Show** sponsored by Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey

9:00 to 10:00 AM

Stop #1 White Grub Control

Stop #2 Cultural Strategies for Annual Bluegrass Control

Stop #3 Integrated Summer Patch Control on Landscape Turf and Athletic Fields

10:00 to 11:00 AM

Stop #4 Breeding Tall Fescue for Improved Disease Resistance and Stress Tolerance

Stop #5 Selecting the Proper Nitrogen Source

Stop #6 Breeding and Evaluation of Fine Fescue for Summer Patch Tolerance, Establishment, Disease Resistance and Other Traits as part of the Low Input SCRI Project and the 2020 NTEP Fine Fescue Trial

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Stop #7 Plant and Soil Diagnostics

Stop #8 Fall Seeding and Herbicide Programs for False-Green Kyllinga Control

Stop #9 2017 NTEP Kentucky Bluegrass Traffic Trial and Breeding Kentucky Bluegrass for Lawns and Athletic Fields

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Stop #10 2018 NTEP Tall Fescue Traffic Trial and Brown Patch Management

Stop #11 Breeding and Evaluation for Gray Leaf Spot Resistance in Perennial Ryegrass

Stop #12 Crabgrass Control with Conventional and Alternative Products

1:00 to 2:00 PM

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This year's event promises to be as good as the last one!

RETIRED TURF HERDER

By Bernard Luongo



NOW THAT I'M RETIRED I HAVE MORE TIME TO REFLECT
SEEING THINGS AS THEY ARE AND NOT HAVING TO DEFLECT

PICKING AND CHOOSING DURING A RAGING STORM
NOT OUT IN IT AS WAS THE NORM

BUT LET'S REFLECT AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED
OF WHAT IT WAS AND WHAT THE INTENTION

WE ALL PLAYED A PART ALTHOUGH IN THE PAST
INTENTIONS HIDDEN IN A SHADOW CAST

TURF HERDERS HAVE A HIDDEN PRIDE
MOST TIMES TAKING THINGS IN STRIDE

WORKING HARD TO ADVANCE THE LAND
HOPING NOT TO HAVE TO MAKE A STAND

STEERING A PROPERTY THROUGH PANDEMIC TURMOIL
EVERYONE IN ANGST PERSONALITIES NEAR BOIL

DECISIONS MADE NOT ALWAYS THEIRS
GOING FORWARD WITH MANY FEARS

IT'S BEST TO WORK WITH WHAT YOU GOT
EVEN THOUGH THE BUDGETS ARE SHOT

ALWAYS APPLYING WHAT WAS LEARNED
TO HELP KEEP THE PROPERTY FROM BEING BURNED

NEEDING TO BE AN EFFORT OF TEAM
NOT BEING RIPPED APART AT THE SEAM

OUTSIDE THE BOX INNOVATIVE THINKING
NO TIME FOR RIB NUDGING, NODDING, OR WINKING

ON THE SAME SIDE IS WHAT IS NEEDED
TO STOP THE QUALITY FROM BEING BLEEDED

SO GET ON BOARD FOR AN ADVENTUROUS RIDE
TO KEEP YOUR PROPERTY FROM A DEVASTING SLIDE

Bernard Luongo is a Retired Sports Turf Manager, SFMANJ Past-President and current Member of the Board of Directors, and SFMANJ Poet Laureate

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SFMANJ Photo Recap: Spring Field Day Wednesday, April 7 at



Photos by: Debbie Savard, Fred Castenschild and Virgil Caputo

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey held its Spring Field Day on April 7, 2021 for our members only. The day was a huge success! After everyone was assembled we were taken on a tour of Tuckahoe Turf Farms headed by James Betts, Allen Carter, and Keith Salmon. Tuckahoe is truly a fantastic facility!



Tom Torpy and Debbie Savard



Our Hosts: (l to r) Allen Carter, Keith Salmon, and James Betts



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Dr. James Murphy



Hope to see you all at our Fall Field Day



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by Debbie Savard



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We would also like to thank our speakers for the day!

The education included two presentations with credits:

Spring weed control strategies in New Jersey, presented by Dr. Matt Elmore, Rutgers University and

New Jersey compliant turf fertilization strategies, presented by Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers University

Thank you Dr. Murphy and Dr. Elmore!

Debbie Savard is the Executive Secretary of Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey



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ANOTHER SPORTS TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION REWIND!



A Look Back at the 2015 Sports Turf Managers Association Conference through the eyes of two Rutgers Undergraduate Students

By Emily Braithwaite & Elizabeth Holmes

The Rutgers Turf Club would like to thank Rutgers University, the Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ), and the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) for making our attendance possible at the 2015 STMA Conference and Exhibition in Denver, CO. Without these organizations we would not have the opportunity to experience the National Conference and Student Challenge. We enjoy taking part in the Student Challenge and representing the wonderful program at Rutgers University, as well as our home state of New Jersey.

This year, the Rutgers Turf Club sent three teams of students (ten students) to compete in the annual STMA Student Challenge. We also attended the educational sessions and industry trade show. The conference provides excellent networking opportunities for students interested in careers related to sports turf. Thanks to the many attendees and programs offered within the conference, it is a great educational opportunity as well as a chance to meet with representatives of the industry.

The first day in Denver was surprisingly sunny for the time of year. We got to the convention center early to register and sit-in some of the many open sessions offered by the conference. The most useful thing we learned from the opening sessions was a turf management quiz application for smart phones. It contained questions and review about insects, weeds, turf identification, and much more. It quickly became a useful and fun study guide in our remaining time leading up to the test.

After opening sessions, we split-up and went to different presentations to learn what the professionals of the industry had to say. The topics covered ranged from synthetic turf, managing traffic stress, and everything in between. Two sessions included, "Insect Management for the Early Career Sports Turf Managers" presented by David Shetler, Ph.D and "How Soil Profiles and Layering Can Impact Turf and Playability" presented by Doug Linde, Ph.D. We received an inside look on management tactics that proved invaluable for the Student Challenge.

We attended a Welcome Reception; it was a great way for us to meet other attendees. Five of our team members volunteered their time by selling raffle tickets for the SAFE Foundation. The Foundation for Safer Athletic Fields for Everyone (SAFE) provides funds for research, educational programs, and scholarships geared towards the sports field profession. The money raised from the raffle, went directly into the foundation's vital programs.

The following day was dedicated to the Student Challenge. Sports Turf Managers Association offered a unique Student Challenge Review early in the morning to cover some strategies for the exam. Following the review, we were given a talk by a Sports Field Manager of a baseball team who shared with us his experiences on a day to day basis. The last portion of the session was dedicated to internship practice. We were given key pointers that could help us to potentially land internships as well as showing employers how

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to advertise their opportunities to students. We even participated in five minute mock interviews with industry employees; this was very beneficial.

After the morning sessions, we attended the Annual STMA Meeting and Luncheon. It began with a keynote speech from former NFL linebacker Karl Mecklenburg, from the Denver Broncos. He gave a very passionate speech about the importance of reaching for and achieving goals. His humbling story of adversity and eventually great success was a considerable motivator for the next event of the day, the Student Challenge.

At 2:00 pm, our three Rutgers teams lined-up alongside twenty-eight other university teams as we eagerly awaited the start of the exam. For the first thirty minutes of the exam, we had to assemble a portion of an irrigation system from a diagram. This was a challenge for many teams but we managed to remain focused through the task. After the practical portion of the exam, it was on to the written test. We diligently worked through two hours of questions, identifications and case studies. We emerged from the test room, exhausted yet confident. The hard part was over now, months of dedicated studying paid off, and we were free to enjoy the trade show.

The highlight of the trade show was the tour of the Toro booth. Fred Castenschild and Kevin Hoban, Storr Tractor Company, provided the tour. We saw some new technology that is being employed on sports turf as well as gaining an interesting insight

into the Toro company. The Student Luncheon followed and was attended by student teams eager to hear the results announced in the center of the tradeshow floor. We waited, nervously, as they announced the top three teams from two and four-year teams. Our top Rutgers team finished in 6th place. The team consisted of Ryan Daddio, Mark Hamersky, Elizabeth Holmes, Josh Moehler. The other two teams included Emily Braithwaite, Meaghan Wells, Katherine Wickel, Brandon Lopez, Joe Raimundo, and James Surico. We are very happy with our performance especially given that eight of ten club members had never been to the STMA challenge before.

The 2015 STMA Conference came to a delightful end the next day with the Annual Awards Banquet. We celebrated industry professionals as well as the student teams who participated in the challenge. We look forward to returning next year in sunny San Diego, California for another exciting conference!

Once again, we would like to thank Rutgers University, SFMANJ, STMA, and Rutgers Turf Club for enabling us to attend this conference. We'd like to especially thank our advisors, Brad Park, Sabrina Tirpak, Dr. Bruce Clarke, and Charles Schmid. Without their continued support for our club, we would not be able to attend these conferences. It's a privilege to be able to represent Rutgers University at these events, as well as being encouraged to network with potential employers and future colleagues. Thank you for your support!

Emily Braithwaite and Elizabeth Holmes were Rutgers Undergraduate Students, members of the Rutgers Turf Club, and participants in the 2015 STMA Student Challenge.

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