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Pesticide and Fertilizer Credits Anticipated

FIELD DAY SCHEDULE

7:00 AM	Vendors May Arrive and Set-Up
7:30 – 9:00	AM Attendee Registration and Trade Show - Coffee and Donuts Field M3
9:00 - 9:30	AM Pass-the-Mic, Introductions and Natural Turf Equipment Demo Field M3
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There will be equipment demos and education on **Natural and Synthetic Surfaces** Go to www.sfmanj.org to <u>register</u>

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I am amazed by the quality of the Sports Field Management Association (SFMA; formerly Sports Turf Managers Association [STMA]) Conference and Exhibition. The amount of time spent planning really shows every year. The educational sessions, vendor options and opportunity to network with your peers is a great chance to move your career forward. I always encourage anyone who has not been to a national conference to try at some point in their career to get to one. That may be easier said than done.

For those who cannot make it to the national conference, there is another option: SFMA Chapter field days. Chapter-sponsored field days also offer education, vendor participation and the opportunity to network with peers in your local area. I currently sit on the Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) Board of Directors and previously served as President of the organization. Our Association is the New Jersey Chapter of SFMA.

Our New Jersey Chapter holds spring and fall field days every year. It is an opportunity for our organization to provide education, pesticide and fertilizer credits, equipment demonstrations, food and a fun day away from work. There are several things that have made our events successful (including but not limited to): a site with indoor and outdoor availability, a quality educational program, and a proportionate attendee to vendor ratio. It also doesn't hurt that there is typically no-charge for attendees. How is that possible? Let's take a look at the formula that has been developed in the Garden State.

Picking the Right Site

When you think of a field day it brings to mind great weather, beautiful fields and an entire day of outdoor activities. Sometimes Mother Nature has other plans. The weather in New Jersey and throughout the northeast and mid-Atlantic can be somewhat unpredictable in the spring and fall. I know that the folks attending our events are outdoor people but it is hard to concentrate when you have been in the rain for hours at a time. In addition to having a sports complex with a variety of sports fields we have also made it a priority to find



a site with an indoor facility for educational sessions and vendor set-up if the weather turns ugly. This thinking has turned out to be a good strategy for a couple of reasons. It gives us the ability to have our event rain or shine.

Education

"Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey is committed to enhancing the professionalism of athletic field managers by improving the safety, playability and appearance of athletic fields at all levels through seminars, field days, publications and networking with those in the sports turf industry". That is the mission statement of our chapter. It is something that we take very seriously. Providing education to our members is really what we are all about.

The SFMANJ Board of Directors goes through a process every year to put together topics that are timely and developed by a site visit to the venue that is hosting the event. An example of a timely topic was New Jersey's Commercial Fertilizer Applicator's Certification Program. The State enacted a law in 2012 that requires anyone applying fertilizer as part of their job to be certified and accrue continuing education credits to maintain certification. As with any new program there was a lot of anxiety and confusion when it was enacted. Our Association took the lead by offering education explaining the law and awards fertilizer recertification credits. Educational programs also include NJ School IPM Category pesticide credits that are difficult to acquire. Having the ability to provide hard-to-find fertilizer and pesticide credits is a great help in attracting people from all parts of the turf industry to attend our events.

We also encourage our vendors to provide hands-on education through a variety of field equipment demonstrations. This provides a good balance to our classroom type education. Everyone enjoys seeing new equipment and envisions how they might make it work on their site. It is a great way for our vendor members to contribute to the educational portion of the event while promoting their products.

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EXPO IS BACK FOR 2022! Begin your planning to attend December 6-8, 2022

Editor's Note: This article was adapted from materials developed by Chris Carson, Expo Education Chair; and Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA)

It's time to begin planning your trip to Expo 2022. The New Jersey Green Expo will return to The Borgata in Atlantic City, NJ during December 6-8, 2022.

A few highlights of what's planned for Expo 2022:

Credits, Credits, Credits... New Jersey DEP Pesticide Credits (and other states) are anticipated as well as New Jersey ProFACT Fertilizer Credits.

Education... a comprehensive Educational Program will focus on Sports Fields, Lawn and Landscapes, and Golf disciplines. Local, national, and internationally known industry and university leaders will be presenting important information that you can use to make your operation better.

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between sessions, or in the many formal social opportunities, or in the informal social get-togethers, the three days at Expo offer you a great opportunity to learn what others are doing in our business in a relaxed atmosphere. Many attendees have told us that these informal discussions are highlights of the conference!

One-on-one discussion opportunities with industry leaders... including the many Faculty at Rutgers University and at other top-notch Universities. Rutgers Professors and more will be there to answer your management questions.

Another year at The Borgata ... The Borgata is the premier Hotel/Casino in Atlantic City and Expo will be returning to The Borgata for 2022!

The Expo mission statement: The NJ Green Expo is a science based conference and trade show that provides education, business, fellowship, and environmental stewardship opportunities in partnership with the Center for Turfgrass Science at Rutgers University.

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HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR <u>YOU</u>!

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RUTGERS Turfgrass Field Days Wrap-Up

by Craig Tolley

Well, it finally wasn't the hottest day off the year. We had a brief reprieve from the summer heatwave just in time for this year's Rutgers Turfgrass Research Field Days. Along with the great weather, there was plenty to see and learn.

Day one of the field days was held at the traditional location at Rutgers Hort. Farm No. 2 in North Brunswick, though with a lot of new research and university experts. The day stated off with the early bird Core session presented by Dr. George Hamilton.

The field tours began with a series of research trails focused on soil management. Dr. Jim Murphy shared his work on topdressing creeping bentgrass putting greens and the effect of using finer sands. Attendees were able to see additional studies on the effects of plant health products on annual bluegrass and the effects of promoting soil microbes under drought stress (amazingly good timing considering I haven't seen any rain since field day).

The day continued with attendees getting to witness the process of studies examining dollar spot disease. The first trial evaluated the effects of late-season fungicide applications during the following spring. The second study focused on optimizing dollar spot control utilizing fungicides, soil fertility, and biorational products. There was an additional study assessing control of brown patch disease with fungicides, fertility, and biorational products.

Dr. Matt Elmore shared his weed control work at Hort. Farm No. 2. There was a study looking at managing weeds and playability in fine fescues and an additional study investigating the use of annual bluegrass weevils to control annual bluegrass in creeping bentgrass golf course fairways. A review of integrated strategies for control of false-green kyllinga was also presented.

The Rutgers turfgrass breeding team shared their current work with the attendees. Dr. Bonos provided an update on the 2020 National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) fairway trial. Brad Park provided updates on the 2017 NTEP Kentucky Bluegrass trials and his work on traffic tolerance. There was also a look at the progress of a trial evaluating creeping bentgrass for shade tolerance and putting quality with the 2020 NTEP Bentgrass Trial.



The day ended with a training program for the Professional Fertilizer Applicator certification. This year, the training and the exam were administered in both English (by Dr. Jim Murphy) and Spanish (Dr. Raul Cabrera).

Day two returned to the Adelphia research farm after previously being away due road work in front of the facility. The day began with Sport Field Managers Association of New Jersey's annual trade show - a traditional summer favorite. The day integrated equipment demonstrations into field tours. Attendees were able to see cultivation tools, mowers, utility vehicles, and innovative athletic turf line painters.

The Rutgers breeding team discussed many of their studies including a perennial ryegrass trial investigating disease and stress tolerance, the 2017 NTEP Kentucky Bluegrass Trial, 2018 NTEP Tall Fescue Trial, and 2020 NTEP Fineleaf Fescue Trial.

Dr. Matt Elmore and his team provided updates on their work at Adelphia. Attendees were able to learn about the newest results in yellow nutsedge control. Included was a presentation on accurate identification of grassy weeds. A separate study was presented examining postemergence control of goosegrass.

Dr. Stephanie Murphy shared a study examining turf health and resiliency utilizing biochar as a soil amendment. Dr. Jim Murphy presented his work evaluating turf response to different forms of nitrogen and timing or applications. Following lunch, the day ended with an optional Core session on spreader calibration.

The New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation returned with their silent auction each day. The Rutgers professors and research teams generously made themselves available each day for questions before the tours, between stops and during lunch. The field day committee would like to thank the many sponsors and volunteers that made this event possible.

Craig Tolley is Professor, County College of Morris, Morris County, NJ; and a member of the SFMANJ Board of Directors



SFMANJ Photo Recap: RUTGERS LAWN, LANDSCAPE AND SPORTS TURF FIELD DAY Including SFMANJ-Sponsored Trade Show

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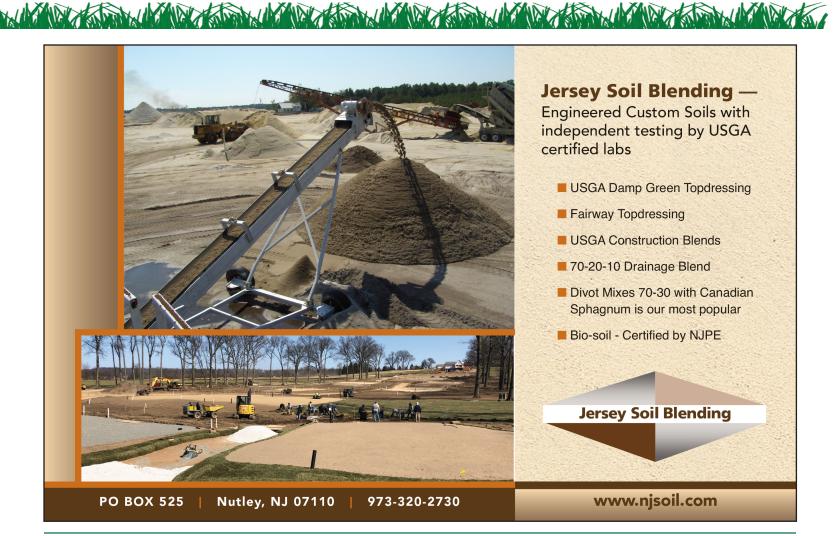


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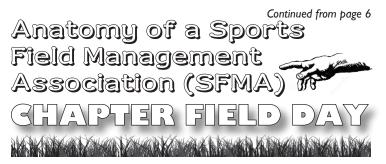
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Vendor Support

The vendor members of our organization are the glue that holds everything together. We have a group of talented business people who really respect the industry and are a huge help in promoting SFMANJ. This group provides the financial backing that makes it possible to hold our field days at no-charge to sports field and grounds managers. I mentioned this earlier as a tease but holding a no-charge event is a great way to give back to the membership. It also allows municipal and school employees, who make up the bulk of our sports field manager membership, an easier way to get to the event by not having to try and find someone in their business office to go through the process of producing a purchase order for payment. Previously, many SFMANJ members and non-Members cited the difficultly getting to our field days because of the paperwork involved. We listened and thanks to our loyal vendor members more people are able to attend.

There are many ways that a vendor can support our field day. We offer a variety of packages that can include a booth to display information and product, a field demonstration with equipment and sponsoring breakfast or lunch. This allows the vendor to participate as little or as much as they want in our event. We hope that our events provide a good return on their investment in us.

Timing

We have found that if you schedule your events at the same time every year (i.e. Spring Field Day, Summer Trade Show & Equipment Demos at the Rutgers Adelphia Field Day, and Fall Field Day) it makes it easier for the membership to plan to make it to your event. The people that attend our events are very busy people with changing sports schedules but if they have the information about an event early enough, it makes it easier for them to make plans to attend.

Field days take a lot of work and planning but when it all comes together they are something to be proud of for all parties involved. Hope to see you at the SFMANJ Fall Field Day on October 19, 2022 in Evesham, NJ.

Rich Watson is Sales Associate, Laurel Lawnmower, Blackwood, NJ; Past-President, SFMAN and current Vice President of the SFMANJ Board of Directors





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Editor's note: This article appeared in a previous Spring issue of SFMANJ Update

By Bernard Luongo

As I write this article for our newsletter, we are enjoying our 13th event of the season. Some of the previous events were clippers. No, not the Yankee Clipper Joe DiMaggio - Artic clippers of the one-to-two-inch variety. But today we get special treatment. A good old fashion Nor-Easter. What I find most difficult about snow management is that every event is different. Start time, finish time, dry powdery snow, wet heavy snow, one inch, one foot, blowing drifting snow, freezing rain, the whole gambit, and you have a very small window of opportunity to complete your tasks to try to make your properties safe for the opening of school. Very daunting to say the least.

Preparation is the best tool that you have to combat any storm. Functioning equipment works well also. Other than watching the weather every minute hoping the thing misses us, the following is how we prepare for an upcoming event.

All of our tractors and vehicles start every event with a full tank of gas or diesel. Snow blowers are all topped off along with our back pack blowers. We make sure all of our five gallon containers are full of gas and diesel in case we cannot get to our tanks at the bus lot. We mix-up four gallons of two cycle oil for our back pack blowers and our chain saws. We have many trees on our property that sometimes don't make it through the storm. As with any event equipment breaks down. If you have some parts in stock you can get that piece of equipment up and running during the same storm, which in my book is a feather in your cap and allows management know you are paying attention to your business. We stock extra shear pins and belts for all our snow blowers including shoes for them and our large plows. We have extra pails of hydraulic fluid for our tractors and quarts of fluid for our plows. Extra chains for our chain saws just in case. Plenty of two cycle oil also. We do stock some parts for our plows, just the basics though. Extra snow shovels and spreaders in case they break or malfunction.

At our School District we have eight parking lots and about four miles of sidewalks. A lot of product is spread. I always try to stay two major events ahead or four smaller events ahead of the amount of product we use. Because every event is different, make assessments of how much product you used during each event and this will help you stay ahead of the curve. There is nothing worse for your department than running out of product. Equipment failure happens during events; it is the nature of the beast and out of your control - the other is not. So be prepared. If you are paying attention to the weather and the signs around you there will be plenty of time to prepare. All you have to do now is wait for the event.

On a lighter note ... In our house hold we have a weather predicting cat. She is four for four in predicting the severity of winters. Depending on how much weight and fur she puts on tells me how

bad a winter it is going to be. In early December she looked like a well fed tick. Need I say more? Pay attention to nature and her wildlife. They know better than we do. Until next time. Keep on plowing.

Bernard Luongo is a retired sports turf manager; past-President, SFMANJ; and current Member of the SFMANJ Board of Directors

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How can you convince your employer to send you?

Continuing education and industry connections are crucial to your success and the success of your sports fields. Here are some suggestions to help your employer understand how your attendance at Expo 2021 can add value to the overall operation of your facility.

Educate yourself on the Conference and Exhibition

Provide your employer an overview of the size and scope of Expo 2022 and a copy of the education agenda. This edition of SFMANJ Update provides the Sports Field Managers Program for Expo 2022.

Pinpoint specific sessions you plan to attend, and tie their relevance to your sports facility. It is anticipated that tough-to-acquire New Jersey DEP Category 13 credits will be awarded for attendance during Sports Field Managers sessions in 2022.

Highlight the trade show and cite suppliers and equipment manufacturers you plan to meet. Discuss the networking opportunities you will have with peers who share challenges similar to the ones you have.

Explain how innovations in products, new research, and cutting edge management techniques continually change, and why it is important to stay abreast of those changes.

Reinforce how the success of your sports fields ultimately depends upon the continued professional development of you and your staff.

Know the Cost

Make a case for efficient and effective use of your facility's training dollars. By attending Expo 2022, you will be exposed to the most relevant education and technology in one place, making it the most effective use of training dollars.

Research travel times and hotel costs. While Atlantic City is feasible day trip from almost anywhere in New Jersey, the New Jersey Turfgrass Association does its part to negotiate reasonable room rates at The Borgata to make staying a night reasonable. Expo 2022 will feature online registration at www.njturfgrass.org

Have an Action Plan

Develop a plan for how operations will continue in your absence. Make sure you are accessible by phone (please turn off or set on vibrate during sessions!!!!) to address any concerns that might arise in your absence.

Consider preparing and presenting a report on the information you learned and how you plan to put it into practice at your facility. Demonstrate how you will share the technical information learned with your staff for their continuing educational development.

SEE YOU IN ATLANTIC CITY!

Brad Park is Sports Turf Research & Education Coordinator, Rutgers University; Editor, SFMANJ Update newsletter; and a member of the SFMANJ Board of Directors.

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	<u>Exhibite</u>	or Attendance /	Agree	ement		
2. Exhibitors can set	l with exhibiting must be paid in full p up at 7:00. Booth must be set-up by owed 5 minutes for explanation and	7:30 am. Trade S	how b	egins at 7:30.	ration	equipment must be

- Vendors will be allowed 5 minutes for explanation and demonstration of equipment. Registered demonstration equipment must be ready to demo at the designated time.
- 4. All vendors demonstrating equipment must pay for a Trade Show booth.
- 5. There is no static equipment allowed in the booths.
- 6. No equipment will be operated in demonstration areas unless it is a paid demonstration, or it is used to power a piece of demo equipment
- 7. Each demonstration area will have a monitor. This person will oversee the demonstration area. He or she will have control of all demos. Any concerns while in the demonstration area should be directed to the demo monitor.
- 8. The safety and wellbeing of all in attendance is of paramount concern and, as such, is always the primary consideration. Safety concerns must be paramount moving equipment into and out of the Trade Show.
- 9. Agreement must be returned before event with *proof of liability insurance** naming Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey and Evesham Township as assigned insured.

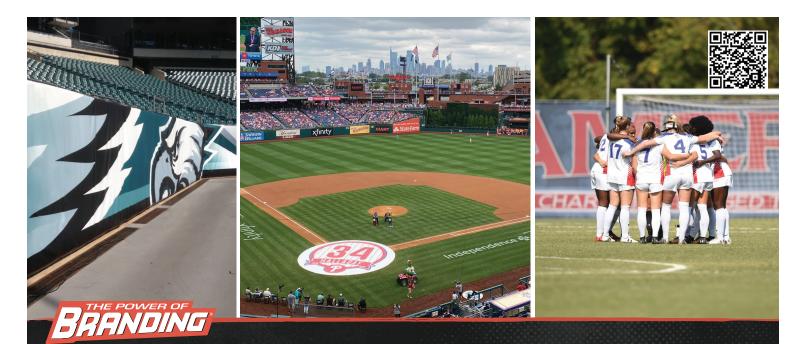
I have reviewed this agreement and understand my responsibilities as an exhibitor.

Signature _

Date_

Agreement must be returned before the field day with <u>PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE</u> naming Sports Field Managers Association and Evesham Township as assigned insured.

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