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Important message from . . .

Bernard Luongo,

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) Past-President
and 2021 SFMANJ Dr. Henry Indyk Memorial Award Recipient



Editor's Note: The SFMANJ Henry Indyk Memorial Award was first presented in 2015 and is annually bestowed on an SFMANJ Member who exemplifies Dr. Henry Indyk's contributions and passion for the sports field industry. Dr. Henry Indyk (1921-2005, Professor at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ) for more than 30 years was the consummate Turfgrass Extension Specialist who had an extraordinary interest in serving sports field managers, evidenced by his lead role in creating Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey.

Well, hello everyone - For the first time in many years, I was unable to attend Green Expo this year. I suppose dollar spot and grubs didn't align themselves in the proper way.

How surprised I was to receive a phone call from SFMANJ President Zack Holm to inform me that I was the recipient of the SFMANJ Dr. Henry Indyk Memorial Award for 2021. It really was totally unexpected. I was very surprised and I am truly honored.

I never had the opportunity to meet Dr. Indyk, but his memory and teaching efforts are felt throughout SFMANJ and turf industry.

I would like to thank everyone who nominated and voted for me for this prestigious award. Again, it is quite an honor to be recognized in this manner.

I would like to reflect about the time that I have spent in this Association and in the turf industry. It has not only been rewarding and educational, but has given me the opportunity to make lifelong friends.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for being a part of my adventure. - Bernard

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Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) Unveils Total Rebrand, Changes Name to **SPORTS FIELD MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION** (LAWRENCE, Kan.)



Editor's Note: The following article was a Press Release from January 18, 2022

Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) announces it has rebranded as Sports Field Management Association (SFMA), a modern identity that aligns with its membership makeup and further positions the association as a champion for all workers in the sports field industry. The effort includes an updated logo, tagline, website and vision for the future.

Since 1981, SFMA has provided members education, information and practical knowledge in the art and science of sports field management. Today, more than 2,700 members across 32 local chapters oversee the fields at professional sports stadiums, universities, colleges, schools and parks and recreation facilities.



The Sports Field Management Association (SFMA) Conference and Exhibition was held in Savannah, GA during January 17-20, 2022. New Jersey attendees included (pictured, l to r): Scott Bills, CSFM, Sports Field Solutions, LLC (Board Secretary, SFMANJ); Tim Hamfeldt, Township of Morris (SFMANJ Board); Brad Park, Rutgers University (SFMANJ Board); Zack Holm, CSFM, Central Park Conservancy (President, SFMANJ); and Dr. Matt Elmore, Rutgers University.

The decision to rebrand stemmed from a desire to be more inclusive, ensuring everyone in the sports field management industry is welcome to take advantage of the benefits SFMA provides, regardless of job title. SFMA aspires to lead its membership into a bright future that promotes best practices at all levels through education, peer-to-peer learning and leveraging technology. Further, the association is devoted to shining a light on the professionalism and knowledge its hard-working members bring to the world of athletics.

This vision is personified by a new logo that depicts an amalgamation of athletic fields with SFMA emblazoned in a modern font above, a nod to the fact that members work on a variety of field types, including football, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, softball, rugby and more. Accompanying the logo is a new tagline, "Where the Game Begins," highlighting the importance of the role the field plays in athletic competitions. "Our association has a wonderful 40-year

history, so while the decision to change was not made lightly we felt it was essential in order to grow as an organization and continue to best serve our members," says Nick McKenna, CSFM, President of SFMA. "Moving forward as SFMA we will further strengthen the industry by enhancing our members' skillsets, knowledge and professional connections, while promoting the importance of sports field workers in the eyes of employers and the general public."

"With this extensive rebrand we wanted to address two simple factors, first was the realization that the term 'manager' had over time become too restrictive to represent our membership, which is open to all involved in sports field management," says Kim Heck, CAE, CEO of STMA. "And second, many in the public have begun to associate the word 'turf' solely with artificial surfaces. While our members service both natural grass and synthetic turf fields, we wanted our name to more accurately reflect the profession and remove any confusion."

All new branding efforts are effective immediately and coincide with an updated URL for the association at www.sportsfieldmanagement.org. The refreshed logo and tagline will be used moving forward on all official communications, merchandise and member correspondence.

About SFMA

SFMA is the non-profit, professional association for men and women who manage sports fields worldwide. Since 1981, it has provided education, information and practical knowledge in the art and science of sports field management. More than 2,700 members across 32 local chapters oversee facilities at schools, colleges and universities, parks and recreational facilities, and professional sports stadiums. Sports include football, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, softball, rugby and horse racing.

2021 Field of the Year

By Scott Bills, CSFM

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) received six applications for 2021 Field of the Year.

The list of entrants included three 60/90 baseball fields, one youth baseball field, one multi-purpose field and one lacrosse/soccer field. The baseball field entries were from two counties. The multi-purpose field and the lacrosse/soccer field were from two school districts.



The SFMANJ Board of Directors found all the applicants deserving but settled on the lacrosse/soccer field entry by Jeff Schofield, Grounds Manager for the Cherry Hill Board of Education as the 2021 Field of the Year. Jeff explained in his application, "Consistency, playability, safety and aesthetics are a few of the key words used when

describing this field. However, it wasn't that way when talking about this particular field. Any type of precipitation, moisture would have that field unplayable. Low areas would fill with water for days and rot the grass. The field consisted of 85% Kyllinga which caused numerous issues such as haying up when grass cutting, cutting out painted lines weekly and creating a level of play that wasn't consistent or suitable to the sports played on the field. Irrigation heads sticking up a couple of inches out of the ground as well as washouts around the heads. No aesthetics whatsoever. Now 3 years later, we're finally in a position after hard work, experimenting different avenues and utilizing the knowledge of friends in the industry over the decades to finally offer what we believed was a Field of the Year contestant."

Describing the three year history of the field, Jeff offered, "I arrived at the district in August 2018 and immediately put this on the top of the priority list from a safety and playability standpoint. First, we did a complete kill on the field. Second, we replaced all of the irrigation heads and installed swing arms since everything was on fixed pipe. Third, we removed all the dead growth which help reveal all the low areas and what was needed to create a glass-like surface. Forth, we topdressed the areas to level the playing field and did a 'Drill and Fill' since we sat on a loamy soil base that didn't percolate water. We also replaced all of the valve boxes and repaired several breaks in the irrigation main. One unforeseen issue resulted after the 'Drill and Fill.' We brought up a Poa Annuua 'Annual Bluegrass' seed bank which became evident after removing the turf blanket in the spring. Over the last 2 years we have learned to manage the live with the Poa by applying a growth regulator in the fall and 2 in the spring in order to control the seed heads."

Additionally, Jeff explained, "Our mowing and daily maintenance program consists of cutting 2-3 times a week, bi-weekly painting while adding Primo to the paint and rolling the fields from an aesthetic and playability standpoint." Jeff added, "Since we started our field maintenance program we have seen a decrease in the water usage and this past year we didn't even turn on the irrigation system. We also installed Hunter wireless controllers around our district which help with water management and running routine preventive maintenance inspections. Overall, in three years, we've accomplished more than expected and in our 3-5 year plan expect to continue to improve the overall appearance of the complex."

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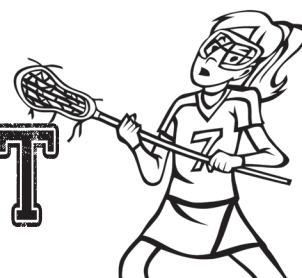
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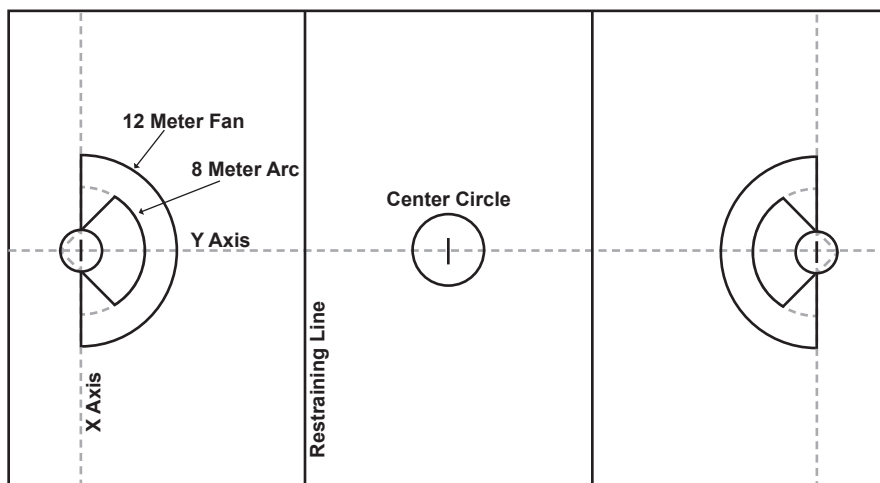
by Don Savard, CSFM, CGM



Let's face it, marking out a Women's Lacrosse pitch can be confusing. The rulebook describes a field where the units of measurement are expressed in feet and inches, yards and meters. There are straight lines, arcs, circles and 45° angles as well as hash marks that appear to float in space, it is no wonder that many sports field managers struggle with the layout, especially the first few times attempted. Here are some suggestions that might simplify the process for you.

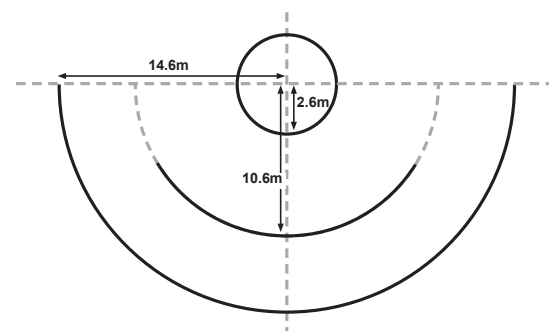
- Make it easy on yourself, go metric! Most of the measurements are expressed in meters, so avoid feet and inches and yards. You will need a double sided tape measure with feet on one side and meters on the other. Use the metric side.
- Read the Official 2018-2019 NCAA Rulebook first. Starting on page 11, it has diagrams and precisely explains where all of the field marking features are and what they are called. You will need to know the size of the area where you will site the field. The rules allow some variance on the size of the field, and you will need to know in advance the distances where your lines and creases will be in relationship to each other. Sketch this out on paper before you start pulling string lines.
- Get some spray paint—both white and a colored paint and a wand. The rule book suggests the game lines be white or a single contrasting color. I sketch out the goal circle, arc, fan and other marks using a paint can and wand with a colored paint, usually dark blue (or green or brown) to make “invisible” lines and curves. I can paint over the “invisible” lines with white field marking paint and the remaining “invisible” markings will blend into the playing surface and soon fade (the idea here is, if you make a mistake, it is “invisible”).
- Mark out your rectangular field of play, the 2 restraining lines, the center circle and the center line inside the circle
- From the center of each end line, run a string that extends down the middle along the length of the field. This will be the “Y” axis.
- Determine where the crease and the goal line will be located. Run another string line parallel to the restraining line and intersecting the Y axis string, this will be your “X” axis and where your goal line will be.

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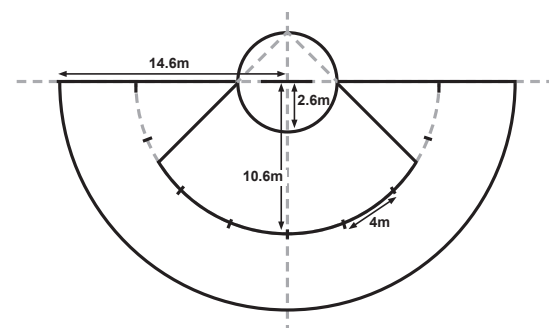


Now, the fun begins!

The goal circle, the 8-Meter Arc and the 12-Meter Fan are concentric to each other.



1. Start by making the goal circle. From the intersection of the strings (X and Y axis), measure a 2.6 meter radius from the intersection of the X and Y axis and paint a circle with the colored paint. Then, paint a 1.83 meter (.92 radius) goal line inside the circle along the string line.
2. Next, with the colored paint making (your “invisible” lines) mark out the 8-Meter Arc. This arc is 8 meters from the edge of the goal circle. Measure a 10.6 meter radius from the center of the goal circle (8 meter plus 2.6 meter circle radius). Starting at the X axis string line, paint a 180° semicircle arc with colored paint.
3. Now mark the 12-Meter fan. This fan is an arc 12 meters from the edge of the goal circle. Measure a 14.6 meter radius from the center of the goal circle (12 meters plus 2.6 meter circle radius). Starting at the X axis string line, paint a 180° semicircle arc with colored paint.



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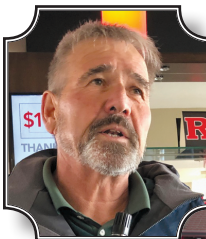
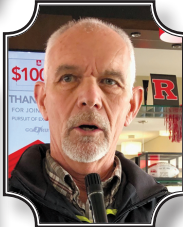
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- Must be a natural grass field/fields

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- Your yearly budget for this field

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**Cherry Hill Board of Education
Lacrosse/Soccer
Field**

Jeff Schofield, Grounds Manager

AWARDS:

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Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey Board of Directors would like to congratulate Jeff, his staff and the Cherry Hill Board of Education for their hard work improving the lacrosse/soccer field at the Barbara Richtermann Complex and being selected as the 2021 Field of the Year.

The two runners-up in 2021 include the Youth Baseball Field #4 at Mountainview Park by Rick DeLeon, Foreman/Head Groundskeeper for The Somerset County Parks Commission and the Multi-purpose Field at Allentown High School by Tom Buffa, Director of Buildings and Grounds for the The Upper Freehold Regional School District.



Rick provided an overview of Mountain View Park and described it as a sprawling 400 acre Somerset County Park Commission property in Hillsborough, NJ that opened in the Spring of 2017. It has 6 natural grass baseball fields, one Challenger Field (soft surface/handicap accessible), two Playgrounds, approximately 3 miles of paved trails for biking or walking that weave in and out of several beautiful, wild growing meadows. The stunning Sourland Mountains serve as a backdrop.

Mountain View Park was built on the old grounds of the GSA Belle Meade Armed Forces Depot. Built in 1942 by the government during World War II, it was the nations largest military supply depot housing over \$1.2 billion (\$16 billion today) in armed services supplies, weapons, ammunition and construction supplies. At the time the depot created over 2,500 jobs.

The fields are home to the Hillsborough Youth Baseball League throughout the year. We also host 12-15 tournaments per year along with other outside permits when the fields are available. We estimate that we host approximately 800-1000 games per year. We have had teams from Maryland to Massachusetts play here along with most of the other Northeastern states.

We have a dedicated full-time staff of 4 that take care of the fields and the rest of the park property.

So with that said, we are very proud to submit Mountain View Park Field #4 as our entry for Field of the Year."

Regarding maintenance, Rick explained, "Our maintenance program is very fluid each year. We have to adapt to weather, disease, plus wear and tear. However, our daily grooming and field care remains the same every day. Cleaning edges, mowing, nail dragging, leveling, raking, edging, mound and batter's box repair and infield grooming are many of the jobs that get done on a daily basis. Depending on the year and weather, the approximate budget for Field #4 is between \$4,500-5,000. This includes fertilization, pesticides, fungicides, irrigation, field materials and any projects." Rick stated, improvements to the field since it was first constructed, include "replacing the original infield mix, building a 6' warning track around the whole field and adding quick connect couplers behind 1st base, 3rd base and the pitcher's mound."

The second Field of the Year Runner-Up was the entry by Thomas Buffa, Director of Building and Grounds for the Upper Freehold Regional School District and the multi-purpose field at Allentown High School. Thomas explained, "The playability over the past year has increased dramatically. This is attributed to proper aeration, proper field scheduling of events, upgrades to the irrigation, and working with turf professionals." Thomas also stated, "A year ago, we installed an artificial turf field in our main stadium. The addition of this field has allowed for increased playability during and after inclement weather and flexibility for use by multiple sports. Adding the artificial turf field has also enabled us to rest our natural grass fields on a more scheduled and frequent basis. The design of the field was a collaboration between the administration, coaches and student athletes." Tom went on to offer the budget on the natural grass field went from \$18,000 during the 20/21 school year to \$55,000 for the 21/22 school year, and the budget for the synthetic field is \$5,000.00.

Before: July/August 2019



After: August 2, 2021

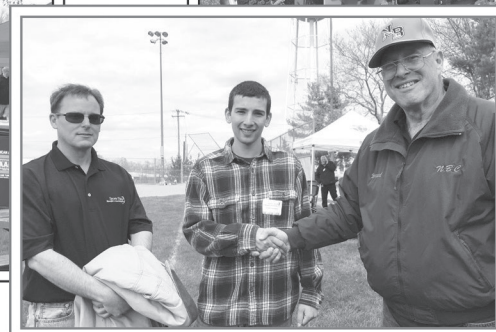
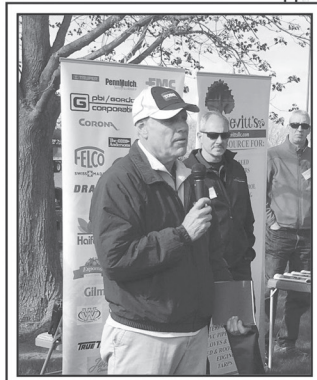


Regarding the maintenance program, Tom added, "Over the past year we have put in place an aggressive natural turf management plan which consists of soil testing, proper fertilization/soil nutrients, proper weed control and frequent aeration. In addition, we have our fields scheduled for intermittent rests both in season and off season. With all of the measures in place, we have seen a tremendous improvement in the playability of our fields and the overall safety of our student athletes. Lastly, our fields have gone from being a total eyesore to being a showplace for our high school campus and a source of pride for our coaches and athletes."

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The other deserving entrants were from two previous Field of the Year winners:

- The Middlesex County Park Commission, Raritan Bay Waterfront Park Field #3 by Larry Mayerowitz, General Supervisor and
- The Somerset County Park Commission, Torpey Athletic Complex by David Kuczynski, Senior Athletic Field Specialist.

The last entry was from:

- The Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools, Piscataway Vo-Tech Baseball Field by Michael Morvay, Head Grounds Foreman.

All entrants should be proud of their accomplishments and continued efforts to not only improve their own fields, but to be an example of what it takes to be a 'Professional Sports Field Manager.'

The SFMANJ Field of the Year program recognizes the efforts of member sports turf managers throughout New Jersey. Applications for the 2022 Field of the Year are due by the end of September 2022 and are awarded at the NJ Green Expo in Atlantic City, NJ in early December. In addition to a plaque, the winner will receive a complimentary registration to all education sessions, the two-day trade show, dinner, and one nights lodging at the Borgata.

If you have any further questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact the SFMANJ office.

Scott Bills, CSFM is a Certified Sports Field Manager; President, Sports Field Solutions, LLC; SFMANJ Board Secretary; and SFMANJ Public Relations Committee Chairman

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A message from **Kim Heck,** *Sports Field Management Association (SFMA), Chief Executive Officer (CEO)*

Editor's note: This message was dated February 2, 2022 and was sent via email to all SFMA Members

Dear SFMA Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. While it has been my honor and privilege to serve the association for the past 18 years, I recently made the difficult decision to step down as CEO, effective June 1.

I am incredibly proud of what I've accomplished during my tenure and the legacy I leave behind. Above all, I'm honored to have worked with so many talented and passionate people in this incredible industry.

Seeing the unveiling of our new brand at the annual conference in Savannah and the enthusiasm that surrounded it, I'm excited to have been part of the evolution of SFMA and know that I'm leaving the association in very capable hands.

The board will soon implement a nationwide search for the next CEO and further information will be communicated to you shortly. If you have any questions, please contact me or President James Bergdoll, CSFM. I will continue to serve in my current capacity through June 1 or until a replacement has been named.

Thank you for so many wonderful years. I wish all the best for you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Kim Heck, CAE, CEO

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2022 Calendar of Events



SFMANJ Spring Field Day – 2022

April 20, 2022
TD Bank Ballpark
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Rutgers Turf Research Golf Classic

May 2, 2022
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- With the circles and curved lines in place, mark out the "legs" of the arc. Starting at the top of the goal circle where the Y axis string intersects, run a new string line through the intersection of the goal circle and the X axis string and continue to the 8-Meter semicircle. Pull the string tight and paint a straight line (using the colored paint) from the semicircle back to the goal circle. Do not paint inside the goal circle. Repeat this on the other side from the goal circle to the semicircle.
- Hash marks are next. Where the Y axis string line intersects the 8 meter fan semicircle, make a 30 centimeter hash mark perpendicular to the curvature of the semicircle. Repeat this on either side of this hash mark. The other hash marks will be measured 4, 8 and 12 meters respectively from either side of the center hash mark along the semicircle. Two additional 30.5 centimeter hash marks will be made 8 meters from the goal circle, perpendicular to the goal line extended. Two small circles ("dots") 15 centimeters in diameter must be added to the field behind each goal. The circles shall mirror each other 4.57 meters straight back from the hash marks behind the crease.
- Repeat this for the goal crease on the opposite side of the field. Paint over the invisible lines with the game lines in white or other contrasting color.

Don Savard, CSFM, CGM is a Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM); Certified Grounds Manager (CGM), Sports Turf Manager, Salesianum School, Wilmington Delaware; Past-President, SFMANJ; and current Advisor to the SFMANJ Board of Directors

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Run Away Day

By Bernard Luongo

It's always nice leaving work with a plan in place to administer
But overnight and before the day starts it somehow turns sinister.

Not on purpose mostly so just a turn of an event
Wondering if anything could have been done to possibly prevent.

Morning has come list in-hand what could possibly go wrong
Whistling as you go from a long ago mind song

The clock moves ahead and it's not too long when you come to realize
That this is going to be a long one with more than one surprise.

The first hint of trouble the radio blares I need for you to call!
There seems to be a puddle in the middle of the hall.

Take two of you up on the roof and clean out a drain or two
and while you're at it send one in another called out with the flu.

One is left to carry on the tasks of the day
Hop on a zero turn and off your merry way.

The radio beckons: We have a problem the zero spit a bearing
Our special Monday morning has turned into a red herring.

The two from the roof are back in play just in time for break
Awards ceremony from the night before; at least there was leftover cake.

The day finally starts at ten a.m. and fields need to be groomed
Looks like a lake between second and third that's going to have to be broomed.

Two to do the above one to line the field
The one that's left will have to mow hopefully not bag the yield.

With one thing off the list things are looking pretty grim
Completion of the tasks are looking pretty slim.

A few hours left to get something done to claim a minor feat
Keeping in mind the crew's not a mule not something for you to beat!

Once again the radio crackles hey we need you again!
We need a set-up inside - looks like ten rows of ten.

We gave it our best effort if I must say
Trying to put a lasso on this runaway day.

What a foolish thought thinking the time of day was your own
when in plain sight it was someone else's for you only on loan.

At the end of the day, list in hand, a smile not all glad
It's only Monday - We'll just add three cause two out of five ain't bad.

Bernard Luongo is a retired sports turf manager, past-President, SFMANJ, current member of the SFMANJ Board of Directors, and 2021 recipient of the SFMANJ Henry Indyk Award.

SFMANJ Spring Field Day - 2022

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

TD Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater, NJ

Home of the Somerset Patriots

New York Yankees Double-A Affiliate

Host: Dan Purner, Head Groundskeeper

- 7:00AM Vendors may arrive and set-up
- 7:30 - 9:00 AM Attendee registration and Trade Show
- 9:00 - 9:15 AM Introductions: Vendor pass-the-mic,
Dan Purner, and SFMANJ Board of Directors
- 9:15 - 9:45 AM Facility overview and Hurricane Ida impacts
Dan Purner, Somerset Patriots
- 9:45 - 10:30 AM Maintaining a pitcher's mound to meet MLB specifications
Dan Purner and Somerset Patriots Crew
- 10:30 - 11:15 AM Baseball infield measurements and specifications
Scott Bills, CSFM and Dan Purner, Somerset Patriots
- 11:15 - 12:00 PM Baseball skin surface management at TD Bank Ballpark
Dan Purner, Somerset Patriots
- 12:00 - 12:30 PM Turf management and fertilization
Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers University and Dan Purner, Somerset Patriots
- 12:30 - 1:00 PM Spring weed control strategies
Dr. Matt Elmore, Rutgers University
- 1:00 PM Adjourn, credits, lunch to go

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