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## Remembrances of Dr. Indyk:

Among his many achievements was the establishment of the New Jersey Turf Expo which he chaired from 1974 to 1996. He also led the creation of the Sports Turf Managers Association's Certified Sports Field Managers (CSFM) program and was the Founding Father of Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey serving as their advisor.

Indyk served as a consultant in the construction of the Los Angeles Coliseum playing field and he was called in to consult when Los Angeles was preparing to host the 1984 Olympics.

From 1969 to 1973, he was the first executive secretary of the American Sod Producers Association, which would change its name to Turfgrass Producers International in 1994.

Indyk was recognized by many turf organizations for his service, including:

- 1978: National Irrigation Man of the Year Award
- 1985: New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame Award
- 1989: Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey Distinguished Service Award
- 1989: Sports Turf Managers Association's Harry Gill Award
- 1999: SportsTurf Man of the Year Award
- 2002: SFMANJ Honorary Member

### *Remembrances of Dr. Indyk:*

#### *Steve Wightman*

"Dr. Indyk was, indeed, a good friend and was always willing to share his immense and practical knowledge with anyone, no matter what their status. He would engage in conversation with students and industry novices with the same intensity and respect as with his fellow colleagues in academia circles. Regardless of his audience, his wit and humor would always put people at ease.

"With his practical demonstrations, he would take the often confusing and technical topic of soil science and make it interesting and enlightening. By the end of his presentation, filled with his engaging wit and subtle humor, everyone left with a much greater understanding of plant, soil and water relationships.

"Honesty, integrity respect and genuine are words that always come to mind when Henry's name is mentioned. The industry has lost a valuable asset and thousands have lost a good friend."

— Steve Wightman, Stadium Turf Manager, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, CA

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"I remember when both Henry and I were on the program in Orlando, Florida in the mid 1970's for Erick Madisen who sponsored the National Institute for Grounds Management. This was the group that supported the early STMA leaders and allowed the infant STMA to hold its first meetings.

"Between the two of us we presented eight different 45-minute talks on various aspects of turf and sports turf. Usually these meetings ran for three days and we were expected to pay for our airline tickets, most of our meals and at least one nights lodging. We became known as the free speakers.

"I used to call him 'Grumpy Hank' because he was always gripin' about something!"

— Dr. Kent Kurtz, Professor of Turgrass Science, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA

### Henry Schiller

"Henry was just passionate about

professionalism. I was president of STMA during 1997-1998. That was when we all agreed STMA needed to follow the lead of the golf course superintendents to create a certification program. I appointed Henry to take on the certification committee and we had some great people on that committee. It's a great program, due mostly to Henry's guidance.

"Henry was always pushing me to act the part of a professional; to dress the part. He would yell at me because I don't wear ties. I had to wear ties all through grammar school and high school, so I never wear ties.

"But on the first day of the STMA Conference this January, in honor of Henry, I will wear a tie."

— Henry Schiller, CSFM, Grounds, Transportation and Sports Field Manager, Lake Forest Academy, Chicago, IL

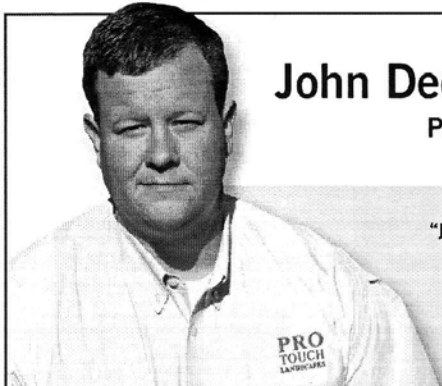
### Eleanora Murfitt-Hermann

President of Sports Field Managers Association of NJ

I will never forget the day Henry changed my life. It was at a Rutgers

Athletic Field Construction Class when he asked for volunteers to start a new association for NJ. I was eager to learn more about dirt and grass (Sorry Henry, Soil and Turf). I saw the opportunity to start something important that would benefit other Sports Field Managers. From that day on I learned more from him than I ever dreamed. Henry became a father to me and many Sports Field Managers here in NJ, NY and Pa. He was always eager to answer our questions, always answering them as if one was as important as the other. His dream was to get all the Green Industry Associations to work together, to stop duplicating information, to have one big convention that would bring us all together to find all the information we wanted in one place. He and only he was instrumental in helping each individual Association in the Green Industry. Henry genuinely cared about each and every one of us and this industry. Henry, you will be missed.

— Eleanora Murfitt-Hermann, President of Sports Field Managers Association of NJ ♦



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## Rutgers Corner – Expo 2005 is Right Around the Corner!

By Brad Park, Rutgers University  
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Although it is only September, it is not too early to begin thinking about attending the 2005 New Jersey Turfgrass and Landscape Expo. This year's Expo will be held at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino-Resort in Atlantic City on December 6-8, 2005.

The Sports Field Managers Program will feature morning and afternoon sessions on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 and an afternoon session on Wednesday, December 7, 2005. Included in the speaker lineup this year are Amy Fouty and Mike Andresen, both Certified Sports Field Managers (CSFM's). Ms. Fouty is a sports turf manager at Spartan Stadium, Michigan State University. She will be discussing turf management at Spartan Stadium as well as the comparative costs associated with natural and synthetic turf fields. Mr. Andresen is a sports turf manager at Iowa State University and he will be sharing

his thoughts on management strategies for synthetic infill systems and the very pertinent topic of maximizing limited funding for athletic field maintenance.

The 2005 Sports Field Managers Program at Expo will also include a panel moderated by Don Savard, CSFM

and SFMANJ Vice-President. The panel, consisting of municipal and board of education buildings and grounds supervisors and an athletic director, will focus on developing positive relationships with administrators,

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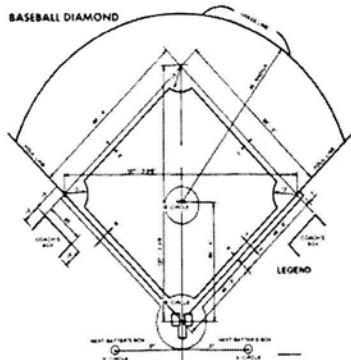
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# August Field Day Recap: Hot Temperatures & Cool Equipment

By Brad Park, Rutgers University  
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What began as a concept in late '04 materialized into reality on a hot, sweltering day in early August at the Rutgers Adelphia Research Farm. The newly named 2005 Rutgers Lawn, Landscape, and Sports Turf Field day, co-sponsored by SFMANJ and New Jersey Turfgrass Association (NJTA), was held on August 3rd and, as in past years, consisted of turfgrass education. As a new twist for 2005 and as a result of the hard work of SFMANJ and NJTA, a trade show and equipment demonstrations were incorporated into the format.

The day commenced with a trade show in which 22 vendors from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland exhibited their goods and services to the field day attendees. A large group of

attendees flowed from booth-to-booth as part of the early morning session where vendors had the opportunity to "take the mic" and individually discuss their products.

Following the trade show activities, the turfgrass education portion of the program began. The topics of the morning education session included new herbicide developments presented by Dr. Steve Hart, advances in tall fescue breeding described by Dr. Bill Meyer, and a description of the 2000 National Turfgrass Evaluation Program Kentucky bluegrass trial and cultivar screening to Velocity herbicide shown by Dr. Stacy Bonos and 2004 SFMANJ scholarship recipient Rob Shortell.

While lunch is always a favorite part of SFMANJ and NJTA events, it was especially welcomed this year as the shade provided by the trees at

Adelphia gave a much-needed break from the 90°+ temperatures.

Following the catered lunch, it was time to "wave the green flag" and begin the equipment demonstrations. Fred Castenschiold, Bruce Wild, and Kevin Hoban of Storr Tractor Co. tag-teamed to show-off the latest pieces from Toro. Gregg Carey, Farm-Rite, Inc., was next to receive time on the floor and described several machines manufactured by JCB. The attendees moved down the trade show line and Dennis DeSanctis Sr., Aer-Core, Inc., elaborated on a BLEC-manufactured unit he brought to the show. The final demonstration stop took place in front of the Wilfred-MacDonald booth where Bernie White described the newest offerings from Jacobsen.

A special thanks goes out to all those vendors who sponsored door prizes awarded throughout the demonstrations including Aer-Core, Inc (hats), DVH Athletic Turf (Target gift card), Gerard Brothers, LLC (pullover), Jonathan Green (seed), Pennington Seed (seed), Rain Bird Corp. (jacket), and The Terre Company (seed). Sports Field Managers

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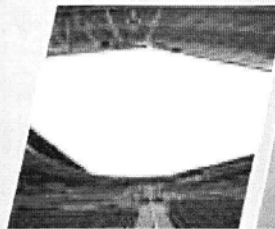
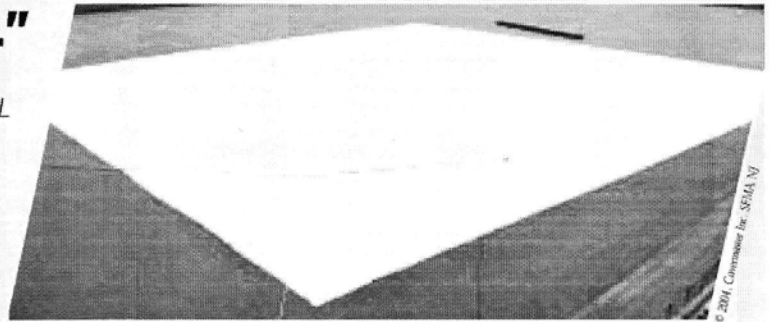
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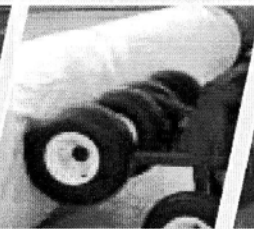
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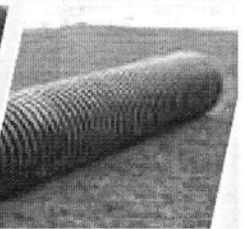
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the problem and develop an effective plan for its correction.

As a friend, Dr. Indyk always had the time to discuss a problem, or answer a question. I remember my first opportunity for discussion with Dr. Indyk. It was 1980. I worked on a thoroughbred horse farm and we were building a turf racetrack for training purposes. I was instructed to contact Dr. Henry Indyk, a well-known agronomist experienced in turf racetracks, their construction and maintenance.

As my interest turned from horse farming and racetrack management to residential turf management, I wanted to learn more so I registered with Rutgers for a couple winter turf classes. That was when I was able to put the face with the name I had heard so much about. It would seem wherever turf management was being discussed or promoted, Dr. Henry Indyk was right in the middle of it.

After fifteen years or so in the turf maintenance industry and after contracting with a local little league, I became interested in athletic fields. So of course I took a couple classes at Rutgers. You guessed it; there he was again teaching the athletic field maintenance course.

I have Dr. Henry Indyk to thank for my CSFM certification. Not only did Dr. Indyk give me the push I needed to take the exam, he was instrumental in developing the certification at the national level as a means of bringing recognition to the sports field manager.

Although soft spoken and mild mannered, Dr. Indyk's words have resounded throughout the turf grass industry and helped to shape it as it exists today. I know of no other person who has so greatly and positively impacted the turf industry. ♦

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athletic directors, coaches, and user groups. Additionally, Jeff Fowler, a Penn State University Extension Agent will be discussing his sports field experiences as an agent in Pennsylvania and also delivering much-needed pesticide credits to those in attendance.

Keep an eye out for Expo 2005 promotional and registration materials in the mail and the Nov./Dec. issue of SFMANJ Update newsletter. The New Jersey Turfgrass Association (www.njturfgrass.org) can be reached at 215-757-6582 ♦

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NJTA EXPO 2005 – Dec. 6,7,8 – Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ – questions call 215-757-6582

STMA National Convention – Jan. 18 – 22, 2006 Disney's Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center Lake Buena Vista, Fla – Special room rates \$135 sign up now. Go to [www.sportsturfmanager.org](http://www.sportsturfmanager.org)

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Assoc. of NJ also donated 2 golf shirts and 2 free individual memberships for the door prizes. Additionally, Doug Spencer and Gerard Brothers, LLC, are graciously acknowledged for donating Club Car drink and people mover utility vehicles for use during the field day.

The day culminated with a final hour of turfgrass education on topics including white grub control and pesticide safety presented by Dr. Albrecht Koppenhofer and Dr. George Hamilton, respectively. In addition to practical turfgrass education and exposure to the latest products offered by green industry vendors, the attendees received New Jersey DEP pesticide credits totaling 5 Category 3B and 1 Core for braving the blazing temperatures and attending all the sessions.

Thank you to all those who came to Adelphia and also all those vendors who purchased booth space and demonstrated equipment. We'll see you at Expo in Atlantic City in December! - Brad ♦

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# Program for NJTA Expo 2005 Athletic Field Sessions

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## NJ Turfgrass Expo 2005 Athletic Field Sessions

### **Tuesday, December 6, 2005 Morning Session**

- 10:00 Turf Management at Spartan Stadium, Michigan State University  
*Amy Fouty, CSFM, Michigan State University*
- 10:30 Asian Longhorned Beetle Update  
*Bill Hlubick, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County*
- 11:00 Comparative Differences in Wear Tolerance of Turfgrasses  
*Dr. William Meyer, Rutgers University*
- 11:30 Fertilization for Wear Tolerance – Is More Better?  
*Brad Park, Rutgers University*

### **Tuesday, December 6, 2005 Afternoon Session**

- 1:00 SFMANJ Annual Meeting  
*President, Eleanora Hermann*
- 1:30 Developing Positive Relationships with Administrators, Athletic Directors, Coaches and User Groups  
*Panel Discussion – Don Savard, CSFM, Salesianum School, Moderator*  
*Mark Prusina, Borough of Mt. Lakes*  
*Barry Imoboden, Hunterdon Central Board of Education*  
*Rich Watson, Pine Hill Public Schools*  
*Mike Hart, Salesianum School*
- 3:00 Comparative Costs of Natural and Synthetic Sports Fields  
*Amy Fouty, CSFM, Michigan State University*
- 3:45 Topdressing Athletic Fields – Materials & Techniques  
*Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers University*
- 4:30 Things I've Seen, Tips I've Learned  
*Jeff Fowler, Penn State Cooperative Extension*
- 5:00 Trade Show

### **Wednesday, December 7, 2005 Morning Session**

- 7:00 Early-Bird Session – Continental Breakfast  
Informal Networking Forum with focus on internal and external Chapter activities  
--SFMANJ District Reps  
--Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Chapter Reps.
- 8:45 GENERAL SESSION

### **Wednesday, December 7, 2005 Afternoon Session**

- 1:00 Getting the Most Out of Your Weed Control Strategies  
*Dr. Stephen Hart, Rutgers*
- 1:30 Management Strategies for Synthetic Infill Systems  
*Mike Andresen, CSFM, Iowa State University*
- 2:15 Pesticide Exposure  
*Jeff Fowler, Penn State University Cooperative Extension*
- 2:45 Maximizing Limited Funding for Athletic Field Maintenance  
*Mike Andresen, CSFM, Iowa State University*
- 3:30 Update on Status of School IPM Program  
*Dr. George Hamilton, Rutgers*
- 4:00 TRADE SHOW ♦