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Rain Could Not Washout SFMANJ's Summer Demonstration Field Day

Brad Park*

Overnight rain and soaking morning showers could not washout Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey's Summer Demonstration Field Day held at the County College of Morris (CCM), Randolph, NJ on June 28, 2006 – although it did force the SFMANJ Board to make some slight adjustments to the program in what President Ken Mathis appropriately called, "Plan B."

The morning program, scheduled to be completed outdoors and to include trade show time, was moved inside and featured Super Bowl consultant George Toma. Toma displayed his versatility as a public speaker by giving back-to-back 1.0-hour presentations and fielding questions from attendees following both talks.

Craig Tolley, Professor, CCM and SFMANJ Board Member as well as the CCM staff are graciously acknowledged for hosting the Summer Demonstration Field Day as well as arranging the fine lunch that followed George Toma's presentations.

The timing of the day's weather could not have worked out better as the skies cleared and sun broke through for the afternoon outdoor activities. Attendees flowed from booth to booth to visit with the vendors individually as part of the tradeshow. Additionally, attendees were gathered in a group and each vendor was allotted time to describe his or her products and services. As an incentive for attendees to spend time with the vendors, vendor door prizes were eligible only to those attendees who visited a vendor booth and filled-out a ticket available at the booth.

Following the tradeshow, it was time for vendors to demonstrate the latest and greatest sports field equipment. A meeting between representatives of New Jersey equipment giants Storr Tractor and Wilfred MacDonald, as well as CCM personnel, determined that the skinned infield surface was too wet to demonstrate infield grooming equipment. Those vendors demonstrating equipment included: Aer-Core, Inc., Bobcat of North Jersey, Levitt's LLC, Storr Tractor Co. and Philadelphia Turf Co., and Wilfred MacDonald.

The day ended with a talk delivered by Dr. John Grande, Director, Rutgers Snyder Research and Extension Farm. Dr. Grande's presentation titled, "Calibration of Granular Pesticide Application Equipment" allowed those certified pesticide applicators in attendance to receive one NJ DEP Core credit.

A significant portion of this issue of *SFMANJ Update* includes photo highlights of the trade show and equipment demonstrations. When making purchasing decisions, please give extra consideration to those vendors who support SFMANJ, as this organization could not exist without their continued participation in SFMANJ events.

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*Dennis DeSanctis, Aer-Core, Inc. describes a Wiedenmann
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*The Smithco Sweepstar 60 is offered by Wildred MacDonald and
was described by Bernie White during the 2006 Summer Demonstration Field Day.*

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Bobcat of North Jersey was on-hand at the 2006 Summer Demonstration Field Day. The A300 Bobcat skid steer loader was demonstrated for the attendees.

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Dr. Henry W. Indyk
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For information on other ways to support this fellowship, please contact Dr. Bruce B. Clarke, Director - Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science (732-932-9400, ext. 331; or clarke@aesop.rutgers.edu) or John Pearson, Director of Leadership Gifts at the Foundation, by calling (732) 932-7899 or email: pearson@winants.rutgers.edu



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SFMANJ Contest, Po Box 370, Annandale, NJ 08801
Entries must be received by September 30, 2006

ELIGIBILITY:

- Two categories; School or Parks/Recreation fields only
- Current member of SFMANJ
- Natural grass fields only

SEND:

- Color photos of your natural grass field (10 maximum)
- Name of facility and location
- Name of owner
- Your name, position and contact number

CRITERIA for awards:

- Playability and appearance of the playing surfaces
- Based on photos and a site visit by the SFMANJ Award Committee
- Feel free to have sports groups in your photo

AWARDS:

Winners will be honored with a plaque at New Jersey Turfgrass Expo 2006 (December 5-7, 2006) and be interviewed for a feature article in SFMANJ Update newsletter (also receive a two-night stay at Taj Mahal, Atlantic City and three days of education).

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Don Savard, CSFM*

On February 1, 2006 Joe Warner became our newest Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM). Joe sat for the exam at the recent Sports Turf Managers Association conference in Orlando at Walt Disney World (January 17-22, 2006). I caught up with Joe for coffee soon after and we talked about the CSFM program.

D. Savard: *So, Joe, why did you become a CSFM?*

J. Warner: Because it was there! I always believed that it epitomized an ideal, and shows the industry that someone is on top of the newest things in our industry. Passing the testing procedure is an achievement.

D. Savard: *How long did you prepare?*

J. Warner: About thirty-five years (laughs). I spent 6 months reading all my books to help prepare, but really, the test was really the compilation of all my years of experience in the field. The hardest thing about the exam was sitting down and thinking about how I was going to answer the questions. The test asks practical questions about practical situations or problems. Somebody could be book smart and not pass; it truly was a test of my experience.

D. Savard: *How did you get into Sports Field Management?*

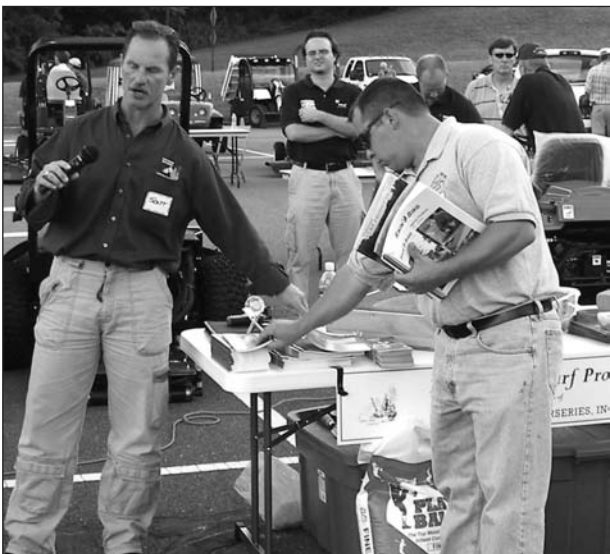
J. Warner: I was in my own landscape business for 25 years and got out. Somehow I was drawn back in and began working with the DVH Group. DVH was involved

with commercial and residential turf and we eventually got into sports fields. We knew turf care, but we found that sports fields were a horse of a different color. I found that there were lots of people in the landscape business bidding themselves out of business and on the sports field side there were few qualified people out there and lots of shoddy work. What I wanted to do was to distinguish our company from the rest; besides, I wanted to make a difference.

D. Savard: *How is that?*

J. Warner: By educating the public and becoming more professional, we can do a better job of creating safe, playable fields. It starts by having a professional attitude, acquiring knowledge and by delivering professional results. The CSFM program is an avenue for the professional to improve him or herself.

* Don Savard is a Certified Sports Field Manager; Director, Athletic Facilities and Grounds, Salesianum School; and SFMANJ Vice-President



A Field Day attendee picks-up literature on the turfgrass products described by Scott Bills, Northern Nurseries.



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TOURNAMENT TIME - A GROUNDSKEEPER'S ACCOUNT OF PREPARATION FOR A BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Rich Watson*

Hosting a tournament is a lot of work, however it is a good opportunity to showcase your facility. There will be people seeing your field for the first time, so make them remember it for the right reasons. We were informed this year that we would be one of three sites hosting the 33rd Annual Joe Hartman Diamond Classic. The tournament brings together the top 16 baseball teams in South Jersey. On May 13, 2006 Overbrook High School hosted two games, but the preparation started weeks earlier.

The call informing us about the tournament came in mid-April, so we had a good amount of time to prepare. First, we checked our baseball team's schedule for possible conflicts. Next was to check our field maintenance program. As luck would have it, a fertilizer application was scheduled the week before the tournament as well as spraying Roundup on our skinned areas. Timing is everything. The grass looked great and our skinned areas were free of weeds.

With two weeks to go, we started cutting-in our pattern for the games. We cut the outfield in three directions at 2 inches every other day. The infield was cut in two directions at 1½-inch every other day. We use an Exmark Lazer Zero Turn mower (with a striping kit) to cut our outfield and an Exmark walk-behind mower for the infield. Sharp blades are very important, so we change them at least once a week.

The week of the tournament was very challenging. We had two games of our own in addition to the final prep for the big games. The day before the tournament is very important. We tried to do as many things as possible to make game day a little easier. Bullpen mounds were repaired, extra bleachers were moved, trash cans emptied, the infield was edged, and a sound check was done on the sound system. We made final cuts on the infield and outfield because there is no time the day of the games. Our mound and home plate areas are made of Hilltopper mound clay. Both areas were repaired and covered. The infield was scarified, graded smooth, and then lightly rolled. The automatic irrigation system was used to wet down the infield at night, setting the stage for game day.

When the day of the tournament finally arrives, it's payday for all of the hard work. The day started with a light dragging of the infield, followed by another good soaking of the skinned areas. Next, foul lines and batters boxes were painted and chalked. At the last minute we decided to stencil the name of the tournament and the team names on the grass behind home plate. This was a nice touch that the teams and

fans really seemed to appreciate. Finally, we painted the bases, pitching rubber, and home plate. It was game time.

The tournament was a great success. In between games we repaired the mound and plate, smoothed the infield with stiff drags, and touched up the chalk and paint. We wanted to make sure the second game played the same as the first. The coaches, players, and fans were very complimentary about our facility. That makes all the hard work worth it.

Putting together the maintenance end of a baseball tournament takes a lot of planning and hard work from a lot of people. My crew of Greg Bunting, Tom Crosby, and Kevin Shipman were outstanding. Their professionalism and hard work really showed in the playing condition of the field. Also, I would like to thank Dave Lalena of Philadelphia Turf for letting us use a Toro Workman with a Rahn groomer and a Toro Groundsmaster 3505d for the tournament.

Tournament time is an opportunity to show off your field, while giving the teams a fair, competitive surface to play on. If you get the chance, step up to the plate and be remembered for the right reasons.

* Rich Watson is Grounds Supervisor, Pine Hill Public Schools, Pine Hill, NJ



Greg Bunting, Pine Hill Public Schools, applies water to the baseline prior to the 33rd Annual Joe Hartman Diamond Classic held at Overbrook High School, Pine Hill, NJ.