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STMA Regional Educational Event a Success

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Tony Leonard, Director of Grounds for the Philadelphia Eagles, who hosted the event, his assistant Dan Shemesh, and Dr. Sorochan conducted a tour of the field and discussed the equipment used and the overall field management practices.

Mike Boekholder, head groundskeeper for the Philadelphia Phillies, showcased his field,

highlighting specific recovery techniques he has been implementing over the past two weeks since the June 14 Jimmy Buffet concert.

A 'Chapter Challenge' was conducted that tested a team from each chapter on agronomic questions. The winning chapter, VSTMA, won a registration to the STMA Annual Conference, to be held Jan. 13-17, 2009 in San José. Philadelphia Eagles and STMA merchandise also was given away during a raffle.

Kim Heck is Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA), Lawrence, KS

SFMANJ Summer Trade Show and Equipment Demonstrations

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Following the educational stops and equipment demos, lunch was served and pesticide credits were awarded. Pesticide recertification credits were available for applicators in New Jersey as well as neighboring states including Pennsylvania and Delaware.

The 2008 Field Day was yet again a great opportunity for SFMANJ members and other Green Industry professionals to network with peers and industry representatives.

See you at Expo 2008 in December!

Brad Park is Sports Turf Res. and Ed. Coor., Rutgers Univ.; SFMANJ Board member; and Editor; SFMANJ Update

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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) 932-7996 or email: pearson@winants.rutgers.edu

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STMA REGIONAL FIELD DAY - JUNE 27, 2008

By: Brad Park, Rutgers University



Brad Pastrick, North Brunswick Parks



Pictured (l to r) Dr. Jim Murphy, Rutgers University and SFMANJ Advisor; Mike Boekholder, Head Groundskeeper, Philadelphia Phillies; and Glenn Sweet, Chesapeake STMA Chapter.



Dan "Dirt" Douglas, Head Groundskeeper, Reading Phillies



On-the-field at Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, PA



Pictured (l to r) Jim Gates, Jim Gates & Co. and SFMANJ Board Member; Ken Mathis, Brick Township Parks and SFMANJ Past President; Jack Shannon, West Deptford BOE; and Frank LoSasso, Hammonton BOE.

~TIME FOR CHANGE~

After many years of superior service Kathy Hopfel has decided to move to new challenges. Kathy has served as the executive secretary for our association since 2003. I would like to thank Kathy, on behalf of the association, for her many years of service to the SFMANJ. She has been an instrumental aide to our board over the past five years.

Kathy has been very helpful to the growth of our organization over the years. To date, she is the only one to have ever held the position of executive secretary for SFMANJ. She has helped define her position by willingly accepting additional responsibilities as needed for the growth of our association. She has worked on our website, helped with our field days, newsletter, and always made sure all the fine details were taken care of. Kathy has always been there for us (the board and association) when ever we needed her. Her presence will be missed.

On behalf of the board I would like to congratulate Kathy on her new position and wish her much success on her future endeavors.

Craig A Tolley, President, SFMANJ

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The last ever regular season game to be played at Yankee Stadium is Sunday, September 21, 2008 when the New York Yankees take-on the Baltimore Orioles.

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December 2008

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2008

- 1:00-1:30 SFMANJ Business Meeting
- 1:30-2:15 Communication and leadership skills for Sports Field Managers
Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, SCPS, The Toro Company
- 2:15-2:45 A director of recreation's perspective on synthetic infill fields
M. Bruce Kaufmann, CPRP, Town of Westfield
- 2:45-3:30 A National look at Sports Field Management
Kim Heck, Sports Turf Managers Association
- 3:30-4:00 Update on synthetic turf human health issues
Jerry Fagliano, NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008

THURSDAY AM

- 7:00-8:00 Early bird Sports Field Managers
Networking roundtable
- 8:00-9:00 Turfgrass Management for Sports Field 101
Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers University
- 9:00-9:30 Recent Turfgrass Traffic Tolerance Research at Rutgers
Brad Park, Rutgers University
- 9:30-10:00 Developing Utility Sports Fields using Farming Principles
Dr. John Grande, Rutgers University

THURSDAY PM

- 12:00-12:30 Renovation of First Energy Stadium, Reading, PA
Dan "Dirt" Douglas, Reading Phillies
- 12:30-1:00 Responsibilities of a New Jersey School IPM Coordinator
Erik Hammerdahl, Morris-Jointure Commission
- 1:00-1:30 Authoring Specifications and Managing Sports Field Construction
Tom Miller, Environmental Resolutions
- 1:30-2:00 Sports Field and Grounds Management at a New Jersey High School
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