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SPRING FIELD DAY AT SHORE REGIONAL/MONMOUTH PARK: SFMANJ at its *Best*

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The field day then changed venues to Monmouth Park Race-track where attendees were treated to lunch as they overlooked the racing surfaces and infield from high above in the grandstand's Turf Club room. The lunch was sponsored by Tuckahoe Turf Farms, Inc. After a good meal with good company, attendees were introduced to Steve Fischer who is the Turf Track Superintendent at Monmouth Park. Mr. Fischer, who has a lifetime of experience maintaining the facility, graciously narrated a tour of the turf track that has recently hosted events such as the 2007 Breeders' Cup. As the group toured the facility, they were given an overview of how complex turf management for horse racing can be and the many unique challenges that track turf managers face. During the tour, members were afforded the opportunity to view and ask questions about irrigation equipment and techniques, aeration techniques, pest control issues and even general information about horse racing. A large topic of discussion during the tour was the recent turf renovation project at the track that was the result of a collaborative effort between the track management and Rutgers University. Fortunately, members attending

the tour were able to have their questions answered first-hand by individuals who worked directly on the renovation. Dr. James Murphy and Brad Park from Rutgers assisted Steve Fischer in providing valuable insight as to the scope and duration of the renovation project.

Overall, the SFMANJ Spring Field Day was a great success. Many members of the organization participated in the discussions and showed great enthusiasm about learning new techniques to experiment with on their own turf facilities. All members of the organization can exchange a great deal of insight and knowledge between their peers in the turfgrass industry at events like this. The Spring Field Day was proof that all SFMANJ members and anyone interested in sports field management should try to take advantage of these valuable networking opportunities whenever possible.

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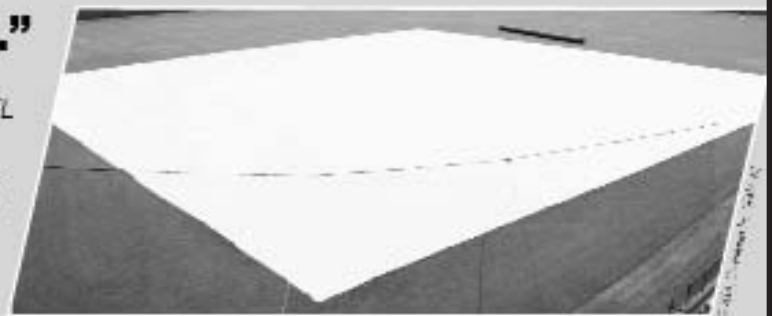
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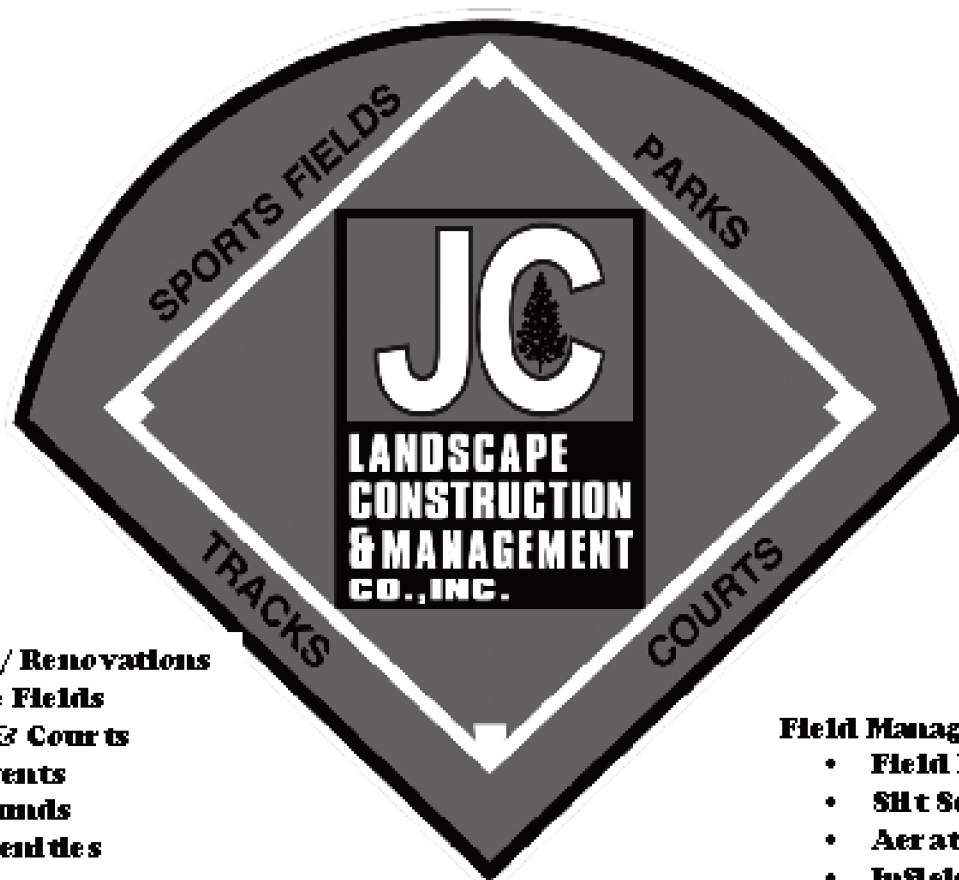
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By *Don Savard, CSFM, CGM*

Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) is planning a 1-day Regional Conference to be held at the Philadelphia Eagles' Lincoln Financial Field and the Phillies' Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, PA on Friday, June 27, 2008. This event is open to all sports turf managers and crew members as well as others involved with athletic field management.

The program will feature stadium tours, presentations of both warm and cool season turfgrass management, an interactive "chapter challenge" contest and demonstrations.

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Stay tuned for more information about this event at www.sfmanj.org and by mail.

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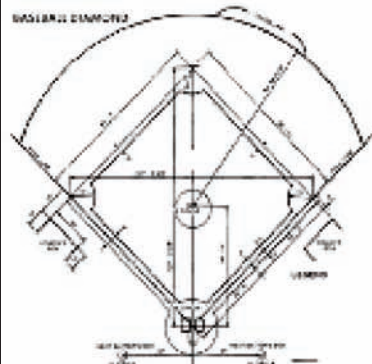
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ATTENTION ALL SFMANJ MEMBERS: We are searching for back issues of SFMANJ

By Brad Park

SFMANJ *Update* has accumulated a significant body of information relevant to sports field management since the newsletter's inception in 2001. Among numerous topics, the newsletter has addressed turfgrass selection and management, baseball/softball skin surface issues, sports field construction, and personnel management.

SFMANJ *Update* authors have included: George Van Haasteren, CGM, recently awarded grounds management's highest honor, the E. Earl Wilson Award by the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS); Don Sarvard, CGM, CSFM, winner of the Green Star Honor Award by PGMS for his management of the sports fields and grounds at the Salesianum School, Wilmington, DE; and Nicole Sherry, former Head Groundskeeper for the Trenton Thunder, now Head Groundskeeper at Camden Yards, home of the MLB Baltimore Orioles.

The newsletter has served as a historical document. Detailed accounts of Field Days, the SFMANJ-generated sports field program at the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo and other green industry events have been reported in *Update*. Additionally, each issue lists the members of the SFMANJ Board of Directors as well as new and renewed members.

As Editor of *Update*, I would like to see the contributions of our authors and accounts of past SFMANJ events available to not only our membership but also an international audience. The Turfgrass Information File, a cooperative project sponsored by Michigan State University (MSU) and the United States Golf Association (USGA), offers a platform to allow the content of SFMANJ *Update* to be accessible worldwide via the internet.

According to its website, The Turfgrass Information Center (TIC), a specialized unit at the MSU Libraries, contains the most comprehensive publicly available collection of turfgrass educational materials in the world. TIC has over 125,000 records in its primary database, the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF), with over 30% linked to the full-text of the item.

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Members of Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) can access TGIF by logging-in to the Members Only section of the STMA website.

The information published in *Update* over the years is a great fit for indexing in TGIF. Unfortunately, however, we are in-need back issues of the newsletter. We are looking for donations of the newsletter to be permanently sent to MSU. Michigan State will retain a hard copy of each newsletter and digitize it for electronic availability on the TGIF website.

Any help in this effort is greatly appreciated. We will acknowledge contributors in upcoming newsletters. Newsletters listed can be sent to the following address:

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Thanks again for your assistance!

We are looking for the following back issues of SFMANJ *Update*:

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