

the day so field managers can take attend each one.

Throughout the day, Jim Anglea, ranger field superintendent, will give "on the field" demonstrations on baseball infield care. Anglea has more than eight years experience with Major League baseball field management. "The best way to learn the important steps in infield maintenance is to see it done," says Anglea. "A few tricks can make a big difference." Anglea will discuss basepath construction and maintenance, fall overseeding, disease control, protection of turf during practices and other important keys to Major League infields.

Equipment for athletic field maintenance will be exhibited on the warning track for "hands-on" evaluation. Area distributors will be there to describe new products, chemicals and seed useful in sports turf programs.

To make the event practical for all levels of field management a price of \$10 has been set for the event. This will provide entry to the field, all sessions, and free subscriptions to **sportsTURF** magazine and the new *Southwest Sports Turf Newsletter*. Interested field managers, coaches and athletic directors should contact Bill Knoop, Texas Extension Service, (214) 231-5362.

STMA RESCHEDULES FOR CHICAGO AREA

The Sports Turf Managers Association, which cancelled its one-day seminar in con-

junction with the Landscape Expo in Valley Forge, March 5-7, is rescheduling the event for the third week in June in the Chicago area. Executive Director Kent Kurtz attributed the cancellation to inadequate communication between the organizers of the event, HBJ Expositions and Services, and STMA.

Steve Wightman, president of STMA and grounds manager for Mile High Stadium in Denver, CO, said interest is high in the Chicago area for a sports turf seminar. "We hope to schedule the seminar for the week of June 17," said Wightman. "There will be a board meeting in Chicago that week and we have the members in the Chicago area to help manage the details of the seminar."

"The success of the STMA program held in conjunction with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Conference in San Francisco," said Kurtz, "shows there is a great demand for information exchange in all aspects of sports turf management. The goal is to have similar programs in all major parts of the country."

SANDIN TESTS VERTIGROOVE AT ORANGE BOWL

A new concept in aerification, a groove instead of a core, is being tested at the Orange Bowl by Dale Sandin, grounds and turf manager. The device, which cuts very narrow grooves as deep as eight inches into

the soil, has no moving parts. Tom Mascaro of North Miami, FL, developed the concept more than 20 years ago and only recently has Ransomes begun research on the product.

The grooving blades, usually two feet apart, slice into the soil and lift out a narrow section of soil. The soil is then removed or dragged into the grooves. This opens up the field for drainage and air. Mascaro has tried the unit on golf greens with success.



The Orange Bowl, one of a limited number of Prescription Athletic Turf (PAT) fields, is one of the most active stadiums in the U.S. Sandin reports the Vertigroove has improved greatly since earlier versions he tried for Mascaro. "It provides an option to sand slitting in some cases," Sandin stated, if the soil is removed and the grooves are filled with sand."

Ransomes is developing a number of prototypes for demonstrations this fall. The unit Sandin used was pulled by a tractor. A model attached to the front of a riding mower is also being studied.

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