

THE EXTRA POINT

STMA NEWS

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A large contingent of our friends from the Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG) in England are planning to attend the Golf Course Show in Anaheim, CA, February 9-12, 1989.

This group has asked the Sports Turf Managers Association to set up a tour of sports turf facilities in the Los Angeles area for Monday, February 13. Possible sites to visit include the Rose Bowl, Santa Anita Race Track, Industry Hills Golf Course, and the Olympic shooting range in Prado Park.

The following morning, the IOG will present a free seminar beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Cal Poly University in Pomona for all interested industry personnel, students and faculty. Seminar topics will include "The Parks of Britain," "Sports Played on Grass," "Landscaping and Horticulture," and "The IOG and Its Function." The day will conclude with a tour of the university campus, featuring the new computerized irrigation system which utilizes reclaimed water.

STMA needs members and friends to assist with transportation, coffee breaks, and hosting the event. We would really appreciate your help in making our British friends feel at home in the States. They were extremely cordial to our delegation when we attended the Sports and Leisure World Trade Exhibition held this past September at the Royal Windsor Racecourse. They have much to share and are anxious to do so.

This will be the only STMA function associated with the Golf Show this February, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Kent Kurtz

INCREDIBLE LINE-UP OF TALENT FOR DODGERTOWN

The educational opportunities for sports turf managers during the First Annual International Sports Turf Conference & Show, January 13-15, 1989, are tremendous. The conference, set for Dodgertown in Vero Beach, FL, will feature a talent-laden line-up of top professionals, educators and commercial representatives. They possess many years of experience in construction, maintenance, and care of sports turf throughout the world.

The educational sessions will begin Friday evening immediately following the annual STMA business meeting. Sessions Friday evening include "The Future Looks Bright" by STMA President Mark Hodnick, "Dodgertown Is My Job" by Dodgertown Superintendent Carol Thomas, "Sports Turf In North America" by Dr. James Watson of Toro, and "The United Kingdom Connection" by Dr. Kent Kurtz. The evening will continue with an informal brainstorming and bull session to discuss pressing problems related to sports turf construction and maintenance.

The trade show opens and demonstrations begin Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. This will be the first national display of equipment and services designed specifically for sports turf.

National experts will be there to answer all your ques-

tions and demonstrate their products in a special demonstration area. The trade show extends to 1 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday. There will be special demonstrations on how to mark and paint turf quickly and professionally on both days.

Sports turf managers have a choice of two concurrent educational sessions on Saturday afternoon on an array of subjects and ideas.

Session I: Nuts and Bolts—1.) "The Past, Present and Future of Sports Turf" by Tom Mascaro, inventor of the aerifier, the Verti-Groove and consultant to Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami.

2.) "Techniques in Painting and Marking Fields" by Steve Wightman, turf manager of Mile High Stadium in Denver.

3.) "Sports Turf Sod—The Ins and Outs" by Steve Cockherham, director of agricultural operations at the University of California at Riverside and consultant to the Los Angeles Coliseum.

4.) "Injuries and Litigation on Synthetic Turf" by Dr. James Conn.

5.) "Soccer Field Maintenance and Construction" by John Souter, Scottish advisor to sports turf facilities throughout the world.

6.) "Sports Turf Irrigation—A Real Challenge" by Sally Prusia.

7.) "School and College Maintenance," a panel discussion.

Session II: Bits and Pieces—1.) "Native Grasses and Other Plants in Non-Sports Turf Areas" by Roger Lemke.

2.) "New Concepts on Construction and Design of Thoroughbred Horse Racecourse Turf" by Dr. Arthur Read.

3.) "The Maintenance and Care of Bowling Greens" by Jim Paterson, Edinburgh, Scotland.

4.) "How To Train Qualified Employees" by Sandy Clark.

5.) "A New Approach to Surveying Sports Turf Areas" by Graham Downs, Stirling, Scotland.

6.) "Maintenance of Ball Fields in the Off-Season" by Tom Burns, superintendent of the Texas Rangers Spring Training Facility in Port Charlotte, FL.

7.) "Parks and Municipal Maintenance," a panel discussion.

All sports turf managers are fascinated by the care of professional sports facilities. On Sunday afternoon, four Major League groundskeepers will share their experience with everyone at Holman Field, the home field of the Dodgers during spring training.

Speaking during this "Hour With the Pros" will be Al Hicks from the Dodgers; Sam Newpher from the Atlanta Braves; Harry Gill from the Milwaukee Brewers; and Roger Bossard from the Chicago White Sox. They will show special techniques, tricks of the trade, and routine maintenance practices. Bring your ball field maintenance questions to Dodgertown to be answered by this panel of pros.



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