

STMA IN ACTION

ASSOCIATION NEWS

STMA—Chapter News

With the official formation of the Northeast Chapter on August 12, STMA now has seven regional chapters. We'll use this space each issue to alert you to news you can use—special meetings and events, chapter happenings, member activities. Regional meetings help STMA members keep up-to-date on the latest in sports turf management and provide a forum for interaction between individuals facing similar problems.

Chesapeake Chapter: STMA—As part of the Chesapeake Chapter's outreach to sports turf managers throughout the area, a quarterly meeting will be at the Reading Phillies Baseball Stadium, Reading PA, from noon to 3 p.m. on September 23. All members, potential members, and those curious about what STMA might offer them are invited to attend. This meeting will be an informational session, covering details of the chapter's current position and sharing plans for the future. It's a great opportunity to find out more about the chapter and its goals—and to make connections with other sports turf professionals.

For specific information on this meeting, contact Dan Douglas, head groundskeeper at (215) 375-8469.

For additional information on the chapter and its programs, contact Ray Flood at (301) 405-3320.

STMA Florida Chapter #1: The Florida Chapter meeting originally scheduled for August 11 was postponed. The new date will be announced in the near future. The event will still be held at the South Campus of Florida International University in South Miami from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meeting educator will be Mary Lambert of the Dade County Cooperative Extension Service. Sprayer calibration is the topic. Carol Cloud Bailey, FIU, will host the meeting.

A meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on November 3 at Pompano Stadium in the City of Pompano (the North Fort Lauderdale area). Topics to be covered include: pitchers' mound and

homeplate building, field dragging techniques, the use of Turface on ball fields, and how to make and use stencils. Tom Curran will host the meeting.

For information on the benefits of involvement with the South Florida Chapter, or for details on meetings and chapter activities, contact John Mascaro (305) 938-7477 or Ed Birch (305) 938-0217.

Colorado Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association—Will your fields be the site of a cold-weather sporting event? Plan to attend the CCSTMA "End of the Seasons" Workshop on September 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the City of Greeley Parks. Part of the program will focus on hints for handling late fall and winter events, such as Thanksgiving, Winter, or "Snowball" Tournaments. Also covered will be the multiple aspects of putting fields to bed for spring play, including aeration, fertilization, and cover. Contact Marl Leasure of the Colorado Springs Sky Sox at (719) 338-0381 for details on this workshop.

For further information on the Colorado Chapter, contact Bill Whirty at (303) 221-6660.

Midwest Chapter: STMA—The Midwest Chapter is in the midst of planning new programs and activities. Watch for specific details in next month's report.

For information on the chapter and its goals, contact Mike Trigg, Waukegan Park District (708) 360-4750.

Iowa Sports Turf managers Association—For information on the Iowa Chapter and pending activities, contact Gary Peterson at (515) 792-6433.

Carolina Chapter: STMA—With multiple planning sessions taking place during August, the Carolina Chapter is laying the groundwork for future special events. For information on the Carolina Chapter and its activities, contact Marc Farha (Facility Manager of the Charlotte Knights) at (704) 332-3746.

The Northeast Chapter: STMA—The newest edition to the STMA regional chapters, this organization was offi-

cially formed on August 12.

For further details on the new chapter and its pending activities, contact Bernie Keohan, Department of Facility Maintenance, Harvard University, at (617) 495-5929.

California Institute Set For Santa Anita

Speaker and topic line-ups are set for the California Sports Turf Institute at Santa Anita, which will be held September 29. The program is as follows:

8 a.m.—Registration and Morning Workouts (horses in training).

8:30 a.m.—Opening Remarks, Dr. Gil Landry (STMA President).

8:40 a.m.—"Soil Amendments, Take Control!" Lou Haines, Innova Corp.

9 a.m.—"In-Season Maintenance on an NFL Field," Steve Wightman, Jack Murphy Stadium

9:30 a.m.—"California Fertility Schedule and Material Choices," Jerry Brown, Lesco, Inc.

9:50 a.m.—Break, coffee and pastries.

10:05 a.m.—Turf Course Workouts (horses in training on turf course).

10:20—"Dirt Track Construction and Maintenance," O.M. Matkin, Soil and Plant Labs and Steven Wood, Santa Anita Track Superintendent.

10:50 a.m.—"Turf Course Construction and Divot Replacement," Dr. James Beard, International Sports Turf Institute, Stephen Guise, Turf Course Superintendent.

11:30 a.m.—"Irrigation Audits: Where To Start?" Don Ackley, Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District.

12 noon: Lunch and Trade Show in Plaza de la Fiesta.

12:30 p.m.—Equipment Demonstrations and Workshops.

1:30 p.m.—"Irrigation Repair: Know The Basics!"

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