

STMA IN ACTION

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CHAPTERS ANNOUNCE SUMMER EVENTS

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. Borrowing a quote from the Florida Chapter: "We learn from the mistakes and experiences of others because we cannot possibly live long enough to make them all ourselves."

Midwest Chapter—The Midwest Chapter announces its June 24th, National Midwest Sports Turf Institute, "The Look of the Professional-Meeting the Challenge for High Quality and Safe Sports Turf." The event takes place at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. On-site registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

This Institute is a combination of practical demonstrations on athletic field maintenance techniques and educational sessions, led by a virtual "Who's Who" of the sports turf industry. STMA President Dr. Gil Landry, University of Georgia, president STMA will welcome attendees. Keynote speaker, Chip Toma, Kansas City Chiefs, will set the tone with his address, "Being a Sports Turf Professional."

Other topics and speakers include: "What's Our Image—Natural Turf Grass," presented by Dr. Harry Indyk, professor emeritus, Rutgers University and consulting agronomist, Turfeon; "Quality Painting, Striping and Lining Techniques," by Walt Holden, Carbit Paint Company; "The Ultimate Challenge in Athletic Field Care—How One Guy Does It All," by Jim Lewandowski, groundsman, Hinsdale Central High School; "Inexpensive Athletic Field Renovations for Field Playability," by Roy Zehren, Natural Athletic Turf, Inc.; "Recognizing Poor Athletic Field Safety," by Dr. Dave Minner, University of Missouri; "Organizing and Scheduling Your Field Maintenance Crews," by Brian Huckstadt, superintendent of parks, Rolling Meadows Park District; "Putting Research Findings to Work

For You," by Gary Peterson, Jasper County-Iowa Cooperative Extension Service; "Low Cost Athletic Field Management Equipment," by Bill Wolsfeld, Wheaton College; and "Edging for Sharp Baselines and Arcs," by Mike Trigg, Waukegan Park District.

The event also includes a trade show at which vendors will display and demonstrate what's new in the industry in equipment, seed, fertilizer, irrigation,

sports field supplies, and more.

For further information, contact Mike Trigg, Waukegan Park District, (708) 360-4750.

Chesapeake Chapter—The Chesapeake Chapter quarterly meeting will be held June 3 at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus. Details of the meeting will be announced shortly.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Gil Landry, Jr.

The Sports Turf Managers Association is in a state of change—a state of evolution.

Change is an everyday fact of life. The very structure and make-up of STMA is constantly growing and expanding—changing. STMA has not only weathered the persistent storms of change, but also, time-in and time-out, successfully met the challenges of evolution.

At this very moment, STMA is at a unique and very exciting crossroads—a crossroads that will dramatically affect its future.

With the continued development of chapters and the continued growth in membership, the STMA board has embarked on a bold and progressive course. This course not only preserves the vital daily activities of the association, but also assures a prosperous future for the STMA.

The association is currently working through a 90-day transition period, which will culminate at the June 23, 1992, board meeting during the Midwest Institute in Chicago. At this meeting, the board hopes to decide on a perma-



nent executive director and/or association management company.

Currently, the association management company of Smith, Bucklin & Associates is managing the day-to-day affairs of STMA, which include organizing an annual conference and meeting; maintaining involvement with national issues like the American Standards Testing Materials (ASTM) Committee; and, perhaps most challenging and important, cultivating membership services.

STMA is also considering a national certification program, which will serve to certify and accredit its members. When in place, this program will give individuals a means to demonstrate their professionalism and add leverage during job searches and salary negotiations.

STMA has always been responsive to its members' need and is committed to fulfilling its mission. Rest assured, the STMA board is taking a total business perspective regarding the future of this organization. As the architects of change, the STMA board understands the operational, human resource, and long-term planning issues that impact this organization. With the continued support and participation of its members, STMA will continue to evolve towards the future. □

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On August 5, an All-Day Field Day and Workshop will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event will combine practical demonstrations and hard-hitting informational sessions.

For recorded details on these events, call the Chesapeake Chapter Hotline at (301) 808-3966. For additional information on the chapter and its programs, contact Ray Flood at (301) 601-4311.

Florida Chapter #1:—The next bi-monthly chapter meeting will be held in late May. For details or to find out more about the South Florida Chapter and what it has to offer, contact John Mascaro at (305) 938-7477.

Carolina Chapter:STMA—The Carolina Chapter will host two major events in June. Pre-registration is strongly urged.

A workshop will be held at Charlotte Knights Stadium from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 6. Some highlights of the program include a tour of the stadium, an overview of managing the multi-purpose facility, and a problem-solving question-and-answer session on athletic field maintenance with the speaker panel.

As an optional attraction, attendees can stay for batting practice, pre-game preparations and the evening's baseball game between the Charlotte Knights and the Knoxville Blue Jays.

For further information on the workshop, please call Bucky Trotter at (803) 862-3071 or (803) 288-7654, or Marc Farha at (704) 332-3746 or (803) 548-7671.

The Carolina Chapter's Sports Turf Institute will be held Friday, June 26,

and Saturday, June 27, at the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Marriott. June 26 hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 27 hours are 8 to 11:45 a.m.

The program includes educational seminars, a tour of the Furman University Athletic Field, and equipment demonstrations. Just a few of the seminar highlights include: "Environmental Efforts of Turfgrass Management," presented by Dr. Landon Miller, Clemson University; "Athletic Field Cultivation," presented by Dr. Gil Landry, University of Georgia; and president of the National STMA, and "Equipment Maintenance and Turf Renovation," Tim Drake, Furman University, Lawn and Shrubs.

For more information on the Sports Turf Institute or the Carolina Chapter, contact Bucky Trotter at the numbers listed previously.

Iowa Chapter—The Iowa Chapter of STMA will be hosting a workshop in Iowa City, IA, on June 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The workshop is centered on the care of baseball and softball fields. Topics will cover specific tasks, such as preparation of the mound, homeplate and bases. Iowa State University extension turf grass specialists and University of Iowa athletic coaches will present the program.

The Iowa Chapter's mid-year meeting will be held on June 18, at the Turfgrass Research Station in Ames, IA.

On August 11, a workshop in Carroll, IA, will involve the care and maintenance of football and other sports turf areas. Exhibitors will be on hand to discuss their products. The hours of this program are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information on the workshops or the chapter, contact Gary Peterson at (515) 792-6433. □

COMING STMA EVENTS

Eastern Iowa Baseball Field Workshop, June 8, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. Contact: Gary Peterson, (515) 792-6433.

Chesapeake Chapter Quarterly Meeting, June 3, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Contact: Ray Flood, (301) 808-3966

Colorado Sports Turf Institute, June 17, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. Contact: Bill Whirty, City of Fort Collins, (303) 221-6660.

Midwest Sports Turf Institute,

June 24, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. Contact: Greg Petry, Waukegan Park District, (708) 244-7275.

South Carolina Sports Turf Institute, June 26, Greenville, SC. Contact: Bucky Trotter, (803) 862-3071.

Colorado Chapter STMA Annual Golf Tournament, July 1992. Contact: Tom Lujan, Mile High Stadium, (303) 458-4851.

Northwest Sports Turf Institute, July 9, University of Portland, Portland, OR. Contact: STMA, (702) 739-8052.