

STMA Chapter News

The New England Chapter: STMA—The New England Chapter STMA will be holding an informal breakfast meeting on March 3 in conjunction with the Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference in Springfield, MA. The Conference is sponsored by the Massachusetts Turf and Lawngrass Association. Future plans include an all-day meeting to be held during August in the mid-New England area. NESTMA has issued its first newsletter to members and supporters.

For information on the breakfast meeting or other chapter activities, contact Mary Owen, University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension System at (508) 831-1225.

Midwest Chapter: STMA—The chapter's annual meeting and awards luncheon will be March 14 at Avalon Banquets, Elk Grove, IL. Registration opens at 9 a.m., followed by a morning program of educational sessions and the noon luncheon. The afternoon program will run from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and will include awards presentations and a keynote speaker.

For information on the chapter, the annual meeting, or other chapter activities, call the chapter hotline (708) 439-4727 or Mike Trigg, Waukegan Park District at (708) 360-4750.

STMA Florida Chapter #1—The chapter's plans for 1993 include an "After Andrew" meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, at Homestead Stadium. On Tuesday, May 18, a meeting and tour will be held at the Palm Beach Polo Grounds. Further details on both of these events will be announced shortly.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association—ISTMA already has two workshops set for the summer of 1993. A sports turf workshop will be June 11 at Loras College in Dubuque, IA. It will include sessions on installation and management of irrigation systems and care of soccer fields.

An August 4 workshop will take place in Des Moines at Sec Taylor Stadium, home of the Chicago Cubs AAA affiliate. It will cover baseball maintenance. Further details on these workshops will be announced soon.

For information on these workshops or other Iowa chapter activities, contact Gary Peterson (515) 791-0765.

Chesapeake Chapter: STMA—The Chesapeake Chapter continues to progress with exciting plans for 1993. Those interested in participating in this process are invited to attend chapter board meetings scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month.

For information on the chapter and its activities, contact the hotline (301) 865-0667 or Ray Flood at (301) 405-3320.

Colorado Chapter: STMA—On December 30, the Colorado Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association held its annual meeting at Mile High Stadium. Year-end reports were given by Bill Whirty, city of Fort Collins parks, who then turned the meeting over to the new president, Ron Marten, Falcon School District. He introduced his board: Joe Adams, City of Greeley Parks, president; Bill Thornton, Toro Industries, vice president; Dave Rulli, Jeffco School District, secretary; Ross Kurcab, Denver Broncos, and Mike Wehrman, Air Force Academy, directors at large.

The new board is planning the 1993 workshop and meeting schedule. For further information, contact Ron Marten at (719) 495-3601.

Carolina Chapter: STMA—For information on the Carolina Chapter and its activities, contact Marc Farha, facilities manager for the Charlotte Knights at (704) 332-3746.

SPORTS TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION HONORS TOMA

George Toma, the only sports turf consultant to the National Football League (NFL), received the Harry C. Gill Memorial Award at the 4th Annual Sports Turf Manager's Association Conference and Exhibition, Indianapolis Convention Center, December 13-15, Indianapolis, IN.

The annual award, sponsored by STMA, is given to a sports turf professional who has made significant contributions to sports turf management and represented the sports turf industry with dedication, enthusiasm, and professionalism.

"Toma is admired by sports figures from owners and managers to players and promoters," said Dr. Jim Watson, vice president and agronomist, The Toro Company."

Other honors presented were as follows:

- **Soccer Field of the Year**, Northwest Park, City of LaPorte Parks and Recreation, LaPorte, TX.

- **Excellence in Research Award**, Dr. Henry T. Wilkinson, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL.

- **Outstanding Commercial Affiliate**, John Deere and Company, Moline, IL.

- **President's Award**, Adams Publishing Company, Van Nuys, CA

- **Scholarship Award**, John Pridgen, Lake Community College, Lake City, FL.

- **Scholarship Award**, Patrick A. Sheer, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA.

Wilkinson received the Excellence in Research Award for successfully improving the integrity of sports turf grass with his research entitled, "Plant Tissue Analysis and Soil Amendments Using Calcined Clay." John Deere and Company received the Outstanding Commercial Affiliate Award for its marketing and public relations support of the sports turf industry, and Adams Publishing Corporation received the President's Award for its marketing and public relations of STMA through *sportsTURF Magazine*.

STMA's Fourth Annual Conference was held in conjunction with the National Conference of High School Directors of Athletics at the Indiana Convention Center and Hoosier Dome. More than 150 sports turf professionals attended the STMA conference themed, "Promoting Better and Safer Sports Turf Areas."

STMA's conference offered workshops and concurrent sessions on various turfgrass management issues ranging from basic turfgrass management, athletic field reconstruction and innovations in the industry, to seed priming and pregermination. Panel discussions, featuring sports turf managers from across the country, offered advice on how to handle various athletic field situations.

The vendor exhibit showcased the latest in turfgrass technology and services, new and improved grasses, procedures for specifying soil texture, and techniques for the construction and establishment of athletic fields.

For more information about STMA, contact STMA Headquarters, 401 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-4267, (312) 644-6610, Fax (312) 321-6869.

BEAM ADDS DISTRIBUTION SITES

Beam Clay has announced new bulk distribution points for its red brick, lava and granite infield topdressings, and red warning track surfaces. The sites will be throughout the Southeast (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana) and the West (Arizona and Colorado).

The Southeast and Midwest are sites for the red brick warning track surfaces as well as the infield mixes. Red Lava Dust and Red Lava Track will come from Colorado and Stabilizer Red-Infield Mix and Warning Track, a blend made with Stabilizer will come from Arizona.

TURF GUIDE DEVELOPMENT

The Turfgrass Science Division of the Crop Science Society of America is gathering information for the "Turfgrass Management Teaching Resource Guide." It will provide information regarding available teaching resources for individuals involved in turfgrass education

and training. Resource materials to be included are videos, slide sets, computer software, computer services, books, periodicals, and other teaching aids such as irrigation components, plant, insect, seed, and fertilizer specimens.

Any potential teaching aids that should be included should be sent to: Dr. Keith J. Karnok, Agronomy Department, Plant Science Building, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602, Phone (707) 542-0931, Fax (707) 542-0914.

KOSTKA JOINS AQUATROLS

Dr. Stanley J. Kostka has become Aquatrols director of research. He will manage the company's laboratory, cooperative research, quality control, technical services, regulatory affairs, and new product development.

Kostka received his Ph.D. in plant pathology from the University of Massachusetts. Prior to joining Aquatrols, he was a research manager with a agriculture biotechnology company. He also served on the faculty at the University of Massachusetts and worked for the National Park Service.

RUTGERS RECEIVES ROYALTIES



Dr. Reed Funk of Rutgers University received a royalty check from Seed Research of Oregon. The \$182,000 payment is based upon sales of turfgrass varieties developed by the company in conjunction with Dr. Funk. The varieties, used throughout the turfgrass industry, are SR 4000, SR 4100, and SR 4200 perennial ryegrasses; SR 3000 and SR 3100 hard fescues; SR 5000 Chewings fescue; Titan and SR 8200 tall fescues; and SR 2000 Kentucky bluegrass.

7th Int'l Turfgrass Research Conference

July 18-24, 1993
Breakers Hotel
Palm Beach, Florida

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ROOKIES

PRODUCT UPDATE



MOWER

The Scag SSZ "Super Z" mower has a 48-inch cutter deck, which gives a smooth, manicured cut. Planned engine options include 16-hp and 18-hp Briggs & Stratton and Kohler models. The unit provides ground speeds to 6.8 mph.

Additional features include an electric blade engagement clutch, durable taper roller bearing spindles, and an oversized five-gallon gas tank.

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