Chapter News

Midwest Chapter, STMA: On June 30, the Midwest Chapter, STMA, in cooperation with Wheaton College, is sponsoring the National Midwest Regional Sports Turf Institute. Attendees are invited to the pre-meeting “Meet the Board” evening social from 7 to 9 p.m., June 29, at the Holiday Inn, Carol Stream. Take this opportunity to meet the National STMA board members and the Midwest Regional Sports Turf Managers.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. on June 30 at Wheaton College campus, Wheaton, IL. The institute begins with an 8:30 a.m. welcome of activities presented by John Anderson. Morning sessions include: “Getting to Know Soils,” presented by James A. Fizell, president, James A. Fizell & Associates; “Drainage Dynamics,” presented by Matt Heiss, sports field specialist, Turf Services Inc.; “Irrigation: Possibilities for the ‘90s,” presented by Jeff Wiegel, sales and design, Chicago Turf & Irrigation; “Getting to Know Turfgrass,” presented by Tom Voight, extension specialist, University of Illinois; “Planning Out Your Calendar,” presented by Eugene Mayer, training manager, The Scotts Company; and “Grounds Management Teamwork,” presented by the Naperville North High School grounds team: Athletic Director Neil McCauley, Facilities Manager Mark Cloutier and Groundsman John Filipiak.

After a lunch break, the Infield Rodeo begins. New for 1993, the Infield Rodeo is a two-person team competition on infield dragging and line marking to determine who's the best in the Midwest. Competition will include dragging of the skinned infield area and line marking of one baseline. Dragging equipment and line marking equipment will be provided. Competition per team will be limited to 10 minutes. Judging will be based on team speed in dragging the skinned obstacle infield and straightness of chalking a baseline with no string.

Keynote Speaker, Dr. William Daniels, professor emeritus, Purdue University, wraps up the institute with a presentation from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For further information on the institute or to enter the Infield Rodeo competition, contact: John Anderson (708) 717-0855, Jesse Felix (708) 293-0770 or STMA Headquarters at (312) 644-6610.

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