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. For information on the chapter or other chapter activities call: the Chapter Hotline (708) 439-4727.
Colorado Chapter, STMA: The Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association invites everyone to attend the June 18th Institute at the Sky Sox Stadium in Colorado Springs, CO. The Sky Sox are the AAA farm club for the Colorado Rockies. Events for the day include: an equipment show (you try the equipment); a tour of the stadium with Sky Sox Manager, Brad Mills; an opportunity to listen to speakers from the Sky Sox and the Rockies; and an evening Sky Sox ballgame. Your registration fee will cover the entire institute package, including the game, lunch and dinner.

For additional information on the institute or to register, contact Mark Leasure, executive secretary at (719) 338-0381 or (719) 597-1449. For information on the chapter or other activities contact Ron Marten, Falcon Colorado School District 49, at (719) 495-3601.

The New England Chapter, STMA: The New England Chapter, STMA, plans a day-long meeting for August 11 at Forest Park in Springfield, MA. This event will include: educational sessions; equipment demonstrations; and a trade show; and the annual business meeting and election of officers. Further details will be announced soon.

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

Chesapeake Chapter, STMA: Special reminder: A field day for training in softball field renovations will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 16 at Meadows Park in Chevy Chase, MD. Meet at the Meadowbrook maintenance facility at 8000 Meadowbrook Lane. Chapter members and non-members are urged to bring the entire groundskeeping crew for sessions on “Skinning Infields and Laying Sod”; “Trenching and Installing Vertidrain; Grading and Leveling Techniques”; and “Measuring and Setting Bases and Home Plate.” For further information, contact Tim Moore (301) 650-2631 or Art Downing (410) 313-7254.

Chapter members are always invited to attend chapter board meetings, held on the first Wednesday of each month. The July 7 board meeting will be held at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore, MD. The August 4 board meeting will be held at Cedar Lane Park in Columbia, MD.

The Chesapeake Chapter will host the national STMA meeting in November 6-9 at Camden Yards. A great schedule of events is in the works. As an added benefit, the chapter is putting together an information packet for those who would like to spend a few extra days in the Baltimore area or nearby Washington D.C. Contact the hotline for details.

For information on the field day, the chapter and other activities, contact the Chapter Hotline (301) 865-0667.

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

Iowa Sports Turf Association: ISTMA will hold a hands-on workshop on August 4 in Des Moines, IA, at Sec Taylor Stadium, home of the Chicago Cubs AAA affiliate. Registration for this full-day workshop begins at 8 a.m.

The program will be directed by two sports turf leaders: Mike Andresen, head groundskeeper of the Iowa Cubs; and Jesse Cuevas, stadium superintendent of Rosenblatt Stadium, home of the Kansas City Royals AAA affiliate — and site of the annual College World Series.

This workshop will start off with a 9 a.m. tour of the stadium and “cover the field” on baseball field maintenance. Scheduled sessions include: “Maintaining Infield Lips, Post-game Repairs of the Mound/Homeplate/Bullpens and Measuring the Mound Specifications”; “Proper Infield Dragging and Pre-Game Infield Set-Up”; and “Drying Puddles and Wet Areas.” An exhibit area will be included and time allowed to visit the booths and talk with exhibitors.

For information on this workshop or other Iowa chapter activities contact Gary Peterson (515) 791-0765.

Florida Chapter #1, STMA: The International Turfgrass Show will take place July 18 through 24 in Palm Beach, FL, with headquarters at the Breakers Hotel. Further details on this event will be announced shortly.

For information on the South Florida Chapter or for details on this meeting or other chapter activities, contact John Mascaro (305) 938-7477 or Ed Birch (305) 938-0217.