

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Greg Petry



Our annual conference and exhibition is scheduled for February 4-8, 1995 in Bradenton, FL at Pirate City. The conference committee of Mike Schiller, Schamburg Park District;

Henry Indyk, Turfcon; Mike Hurd, Pirate City; and Eugene Meyer, Scotts, are putting the final touches on the program.

The popular Seminar on Wheels will again start the conference. The bus tours will visit a sod farm, park, high school and polo facility. We will see some very capable professionals in action.

There are plenty of educational ses-

sions planned. Topics such as safety, budgeting, equipment maintenance, laser-grading and soils are just a few. In addition, several sports turf sessions are scheduled that will cover the basics through the latest techniques. International guests are expected to share their perspective on managing sports turf.

I'm really excited about what is planned for this conference. Watch for the conference brochure and registration materials that will be mailed soon.

Let me share with you some of the reasons why groundskeepers should attend the conference:

1. Network with peers.
2. Hear experts from the sports turf industry.
3. Examine and try out a large display of equipment, products and services.
4. Save your time by being able to compare and shop in one place.

5. Find ways to stretch your limited resources.

6. Find relevant information on a variety of topics.

7. Education training, professional development and the latest information all in one place.

8. Pick up ideas on how to solve problems.

9. Learn from others who have made mistakes and have had successes so you can keep your operation on track.

10. Take part in hands-on demonstrations and instruction.

11. Get answers you've always wanted, but didn't know who to ask.

12. Build relationships with fellow professionals and vendors who can help you and your organization.

Plan to attend the best-ever conference on sports turf management!



STMA CHAPTER NEWS

STMA Florida Chapter #1 The South Florida Chapter will take part in the Florida Turfgrass Association Conference and Trade Show scheduled for September 18-21 at the Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center. A Chapter Hospitality Room will open at 7:30 p.m. on September 19 at the Marriott Hotel in conjunction with this conference.

For more information on the conference, the South Florida Chapter and other upcoming activities, contact: John Mascaro, (305) 938-7477 or Ed Birch, (305) 938-0217.

Chesapeake Chapter The Chesapeake Chapter is working on plans for a September 15 Regional Institute to be held in conjunction with the National STMA. More details on this Institute will be announced.

The *Field Users Guide for Sports Turf Managers* will be available soon.

The STMA gained some great PR thanks to the efforts of Chesapeake members Jim Moore (Maryland Department of Parks) and Kurt Nilsson (Blue Mountain Quarry Company). They devoted their time and effort (and some of Kurt's products) to renovation of the

baseball field at Moore's alma mater, Holleran Field of Morristown Central. A photo of the volunteers, and an article about the project—along with a plug for STMA—ran in the May 8 issue of the Ogdensburg, NY *Advance News*.

Chesapeake Chapter board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, 4-6 p.m. All STMA members are invited to attend. For more information about the chapter, or upcoming activities, call (301) 865-0667.

Southern California Chapter In conjunction with the National STMA, the Southern California Chapter will hold a Regional Institute at UCLA on Wednesday, October 12. The Institute will focus on building a winning team with coaches, administration and turf professionals. This event will combine education sessions, a tour of UCLA sports turf facilities, and a top-notch trade show.

Featured speakers will include: Dr. Jim Beard, chief scientist for the International Sports Turf Institute Inc.; Steve Cockerham, superintendent of agricultural operations, UC Riverside and key member of World Cup Soccer's ACT

team; Steve Wightman, turf manager of Jack Murphy Stadium, San Diego, CA; Neal Beeson, owner of Sports Turf & Facility Management Company, Anaheim, CA; and members of the UCLA coaching staff. Keynote speaker, UCLA Head Football Coach Terry Donahue will present "A Winning Game Plan."

Details on this Institute will be announced soon. For more information about the Institute, call Dave Ashman, (310) 206-6662.

For more information about the Southern California Chapter and upcoming activities, call Chris Bunnell at (619) 432-2421.

Midwest Chapter The Midwest Chapter holds board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Contact Don Michaels at (708) 526-0007 for details.

In conjunction with the National Sports Turf Managers Association, the Midwest Chapter will hold a Sports Turf Institute at Northwestern University's Dyche Stadium in Evanston, IL on September 27, 1994.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The Institute starts at 9 a.m. with the