

STMA Chapter News

Florida Chapter #1: The Florida Chapter will hold a meeting on January 17 in Lake Worth, FL, in conjunction with the Southeast Florida Turf Conference. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The meeting will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Four CEUs will be issued to participants.

Florida Chapter members will be staffing the national Sports Turf Managers Association booth at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) International Golf Course Conference and Show in Orlando, FL, February 9-11.

The South Florida Expo and University of Florida Field Day will take place on March 29 in Ft. Lauderdale. More details will be announced soon.

For more information on these events, the Florida Chapter, and other pending activities, contact: John Mascaro, (305) 938-7477.

Southern California Chapter: The Southern California Chapter is host for the National Sports Turf Managers Association Conference in Anaheim, CA, on January 24-28. The conference will feature educational sessions, tours and a trade show.

Come to sunny California and see some of the best sports turf fields in the world — and get to know the sports turf managers who maintain them. Come see the handiwork of the Southern California Chapter. In a combination total field renovation workshop, and the extension of a helping hand, the chapter "did" the Cal State Fullerton Titan's baseball field on October 28. Titan Field is the site of the trade show.

Come to network with your peers from all across the U.S., to learn something new, to share your ideas with others, and to raise your own level of professionalism a notch or two. For information on the National Conference, call STMA Headquarters at (712) 366-2669. For information on the Southern California Chapter and other upcoming activities, contact: Chris Bunnell at (619) 432-2421.

Anyone interested in lending a hand for the conference is invited to contact Chapter Coordinator, Steve Guise, at phone/fax: (714) 578-0215.

Midwest Chapter: The Midwest Chapter's Spring Seminar and annual Awards Banquet will be held March 6 in Schaumburg, IL. Budgets and bidding will be the focus of the meeting. More details will be announced soon.

For more information on this meeting, the Midwest Chapter or other upcoming events, call: The Chapter Hotline, (708) 439-4727.

Colorado Chapter: The Colorado Chapter held its election of officers on December 6. New officers are Dave Rulli, Jeffco Schools: president; Ross Kurcab, Denver Broncos: past president; and Mitch Hovet, UHS Horticultural Supply: commercial officer. The directors are Abby McNeal, Pleasantview Sports Complex; Mike McDonnell, City of Greeley Parks & Recreation; Ken Norkosky, City of Aurora Parks & Recreation; Bill Goble, Colorado State University, Hughes Stadium. The executive secretary is Troy Smith, Denver Broncos. The chapter held its first board meeting on January 4.

For information on the Colorado Chapter or upcoming events, call the 24-Hour CCSTMA Hotline/FAX: (303) 438-9645 and leave a message, or contact Ross Kurcab, Denver Broncos, at (303) 649-9000.

Iowa Chapter: The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association (ISTMA) will hold its next meeting Monday, January 22, through Wednesday, January 24, in conjunction with the Iowa Turfgrass Conference at the Des Moines Convention Center.

The ISTMA annual membership meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24.

The conference will feature special sports turf workshops held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 22nd, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 23rd, and from 10:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the 24th. The conference also offers an opportunity for pesticide recertification training and an extensive trade show. For more information on this event contact: Lori at The Turf Office (numbers listed below).

The ISTMA will be holding a conference February 22-23, at the Best Western Dubuque Inn. Subjects will range from budget preparation to matters of personal and sports liability, as well as criteria for field design and construction. Early registration opens February 21 at 4 p.m., and a reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Regular conference registration opens February 22 at 8 a.m. For more information on this conference contact: Wayne Klostermann at (319) 582-5468, or Mike Andresen at (515) 243-6111.

For more information on the Iowa Chapter or other upcoming activities contact: Lori at The Turf Office at (515) 232-8222 (phone) or (515) 232-8228 (fax).

Minnesota Chapter: For information about the forming Minnesota Chapter of the STMA or for details on becoming a member, contact: Brian Deyak at (612) 255-7223.

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