STMA in Action

STMA Chapter News

Midwest Chapter: The Midwest Chapter of STMA will meet on June 12 at Demaree Stadium of Merrillville High School, Merrillville, Indiana, STMA’s 1994 Football Field of the Year. Activities will include a tour of the facility and sessions on field construction and maintenance.

August 12 marks the chapter’s Seminar on Wheels tour. Plan now to join this behind-the-scenes tour of the athletic fields of Northwestern University, Wrigley Field, Soldier Field and the University of Illinois — Chicago campus.

Because of injuries sustained in a serious accident this past fall, Midwest Chapter President Lonnie Berg felt that she couldn’t devote the necessary time to the association and has resigned her position. Stepping up to the president’s position for the remainder of Lonnie’s term is Scott Pippen, Village of Lincolnshire. John Anderson, Cannon Turf Supply Inc., has been asked to fill the vice president position. The rest of the board remains the same with Marc Van Landuyt, Van’s Enterprises, as past president; Donald Michaels, Conserv FS, as treasurer; and Mike Trigg, Waukegan Park District as secretary.

For more information, call The Chapter Hotline (847) 439-4727.

Colorado Chapter: The Colorado Chapter of STMA will hold its next meeting on Friday, June 13, at Sky Sox Stadium. The meeting will open with Dave Rulli’s President’s Message and an introduction by Mark Leasure. Activities will include vendor talks, a session on infield mix presented by Ken Norkosky and a tour of the stadium. Attendees will also enjoy a cook-out and the Sky Sox baseball game.

The Mid-Summer Workshop is scheduled for July 18th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wagner Park in Aspen, Colorado, the home of the World Rugby Tournament. Topics will include field renovation and irrigation.

The chapter’s Second Annual Lawn Mower Man Open golf outing is scheduled for August 5 at West Wood Golf Course in Arvada, Colorado.

Due to snow in April, the Spring Vendor Expo was canceled. This event has been tentatively rescheduled for September 18 at Jeffco Stadium. Look for more details on this in August.

For more information, call the 24-Hour CSTMA Chapter Hotline/FAX: (303) 438-9645.

KAFMO: Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO Chapter STMA) is now in the planning stages for its fall field day. Details will be announced soon.

For more information, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at (610) 375-8469, extension 212.

Minnesota Chapter: The Minnesota Chapter will hold its 3rd Annual Seminar on Wheels July 16. Participants will gather at Midway Stadium, then board a bus for McMurray Fields, where vendors will show their aeration equipment in action in a mini-aeration clinic. Next, the group will take the bus for tours of the City of Plymouth Athletic Facility; Goodrich Field, Anoka, Minnesota, where a high sand-based field is being constructed; Blaine Sports Center, site of USA Cup Soccer; the Turfco factory; Bethel College; Urban Ventures; and the Rice and Arlington Sports Dome. The workshop will wrap up with a tail-gate party at Midway Stadium and a St. Paul Saints game.

For information, contact Connie Rudolph at (612) 644-0639.

Iowa STMA: The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association will hold a Baseball Workshop from 1:30 to 4 p.m. July 16 at Midway Stadium.

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p.m. on July 9 at the Little League Fields in Ottumwa. The workshop will include presentations by Bill Perry of the City of Ottumwa, Gary Peterson of the Iowa Extension Service and Dr. Dave Minner of Iowa State University.

The Iowa Chapter will hold a Baseball Workshop on August 8 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Sec Taylor Stadium in Des Moines. Sessions will cover daily and post-season maintenance of the mound, plate and infield; fertility; building your own low-cost equipment; and repair of turf areas, including overseeding, seed pre-germination, sod and plugs.

The Iowa Turfgrass Field Day will be held August 14 at Iowa State University’s Turf Farm. Details will be announced soon.

For more information, contact Lori Westrum at The Turf Office at (515) 232-8222 (phone) or (515) 232-8228 (fax).

Southern California: For information on the Southern California Chapter or pending activities, contact Chris Bunnell at (619) 432-2421.

Florida Chapter #1: For information on upcoming events or the Florida Chapter, contact John Mascaro at (954) 938-7477.

STMA Chapters on the Grow

MAFMO: The Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO) is an active group currently working toward STMA affiliation.

MAFMO will team up with Toro for an Irrigation Seminar, which will be held on Wednesday, May 21, from 8 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Cedar Lane Park in Columbia, Maryland. Sessions will cover how to assess your irrigation needs, design your system, calculate cost, install it and troubleshoot problems.

The seminar will include both classroom instruction and hands-on demonstrations and troubleshooting. Space is limited to ensure top quality instruction, so act now.

MAFMO will also be holding a dinner meeting on Thursday, June 19, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Joe Theisman's Restaurant in Elkridge, Maryland. The topic of the meeting will be "Turfgrass Seed Certification."

For more information, contact the Hotline: (410) 290-5652.

Arizona: For information on the Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona or upcoming events, contact Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Department, at (602) 994-7954.

Great Plains: For information on the Great Plains Sports Turf Managers Association or upcoming events, contact Mark Schimming, City of Wichita, at (316) 337-9123.