

A Great Success

STMA in Action

by Tim Moore

On May 5, nearly 100 people gathered at Montgomery Blair Senior High School in Silver Spring, MD, for the Back to Basics Field Day held by the Mid-Atlantic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO) Chapter of STMA.

Bob Curry of Covermaster, Inc., started the meeting with a discussion of the how, why, and when of field covers.

Next, Don Follett of the Washington Redskins gave a presentation on the basics of turf care. Topics covered included mowing, fertilization, aeration, seeding, and pesticide applications. Don fielded questions about Redskin Park, and gave attendees an overview of what happens behind the scenes.

Paint demonstrations led by Chris Pluta of the Sherwin Williams Paint Company were next on the agenda. Attendees looked at the latest liner from Titan, took part in a line painting session, and watched Joe Dick of Howard County Public Schools demonstrate stenciling techniques.

Jeff Martin of Diamond Pro coordinated the afternoon session. Attendees gathered for a show and tell demonstration of pitcher's mound and home plate clay installation, and one on top-dressing basics.

The day ended with a dinner meeting at Fred & Harry's sponsored by Novartis and Newsom Seed. Attendees shared great food and networking, and participated in a raffle that raised enough funds to provide a MAFMO Chapter member free registration to

STMA's Annual Conference in St. Louis Jan. 12-16, 2000.

Chapter news

Colorado Chapter: The Colorado Chapter's new Web site, www.cstma.org, is up and running.

The Chapter's 4th annual golf tournament, the Lawnmower-Man Open, begins with an 8 am shotgun start Jul. 20 at West Woods Golf Club in Arvada, CO. Proceeds benefit the CSTMA Scholarship Fund.

An August event in Grand Junction and a Sept. 15 event at Jackie Robinson Field of Lawry Air Force Base are in the planning stages.

For information, call the chapter hotline: (303) 346-8954, or check out the Web site: www.cstma.org.

Great Lakes Chapter: GLSTMA will hold a general meeting for the membership along with the Jul. 27 Board Meeting.

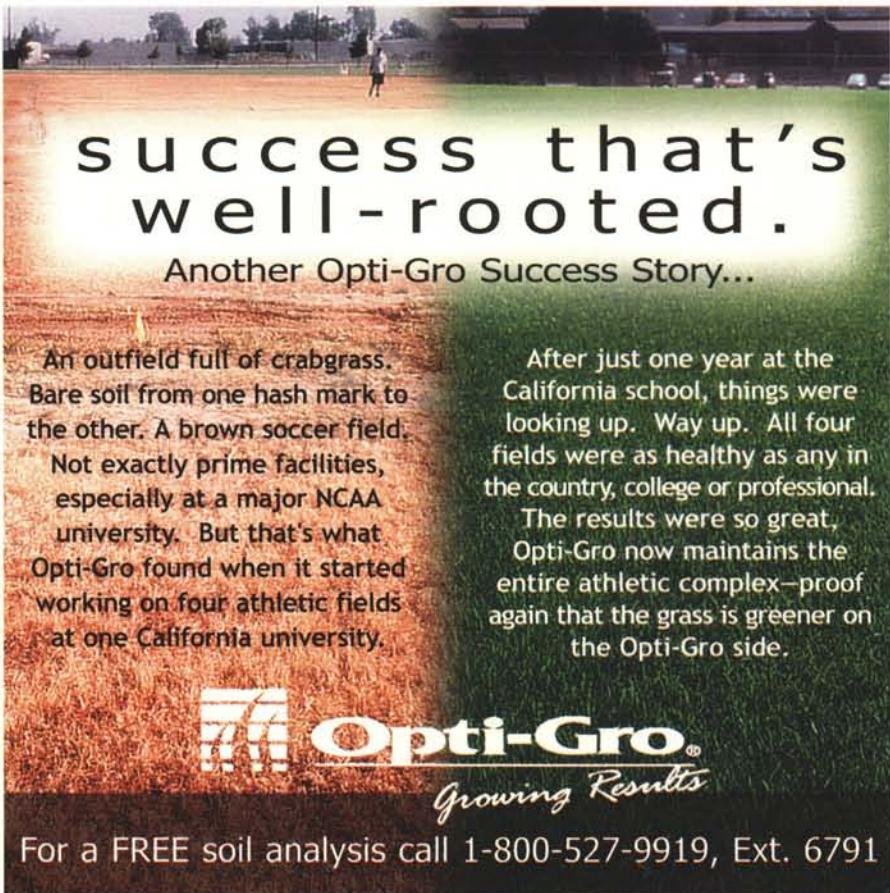
A Fall Field Day at Sylvania Pacesetter Park, 9 am-3 pm, Sept. 14, will feature equipment manufacturers, turf product manufacturers, and speakers.

GLSTMA has introduced a \$250 scholarship program for students pursuing a career in turf. For application materials, contact: (419) 885-1982.

In cooperation with Profile Products, GLSTMA will again sponsor Field of the Year awards. Members can obtain application materials at the Web site, or by calling (419) 885-1982.

For general information, contact Joe Zelinko: (800) 897-9714, or Boyd Montgomery: (419) 885-1982, or visit <http://members.tripod.com/~glstma>.

Iowa Chapter: ISTMA will participate in the Iowa Turfgrass Field Day Jul. 29 at the Horticulture Research Station north of Ames. Registration opens at 8 am, and events run from 9 am-3:30 pm. Morning sessions will include a sports turf research tour. Topics will include: poa supina for sports, Sportgrass, tarp color demonstration, Primo plant growth regulation, and traffic studies (bluegrass varieties, overseeding with bermudagrass, and cool-season species).



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