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Springs to action

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On March 24, 25 people participated in the first day of the third annual Irrigation Seminar of the Mid-Atlantic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA). Turf Equipment and Supply, Inc., a Toro Irrigation distributor, hosted the event at its office in Jessup, MD.

Turf Equipment and Supply provided an irrigation consultant to conduct the classroom segment of this two-day event. Attendees learned how to assess their water needs, and how to design an irrigation system that would best fill those needs.

On March 25, 20 of the attendees regrouped at Montgomery Blair High School to put that knowledge to work in a hands-on irrigation system installation for the school's field hockey field.

The school had purchased the major components for the installation, and Turf

Equipment and Supply donated the glue, Teflon tape, and other incidentals. The company's irrigation consultant also joined the crew to help put the classroom lessons into action.

The MAFMO group installed the pipe, made the head connections, and started up and tested the system. The hands-on project gave those who were new to irrigation system design an opportunity to turn theory into reality. The project also gave chapter members the satisfaction of giving the community a great service.

Chapter news

North Texas Chapter: The chapter is planning a field day/golf outing May 20 in Flower Mound, TX.

For information, contact Rene Asprion, Diamond Pro: (800) 228-2987; or Tom Welch, CSM, Central Garden and Pet: (800) 788-9581.

Nor-Cal Chapter: The Northern California Chapter will hold a Seminar on Wheels tour 8 am-3:30 pm May 21 in the Bay area. It will include a site visit to the Oakland Raiders Training Facility conducted by Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Ken Irons and his staff. Participants will also enjoy a tour of the UC-Berkeley athletic facilities conducted by Sports Turf Manager Bob Milano and his staff. The tour will then visit Piedmont High School, where Gary Cook of Robert Bothman, Inc. will give a presentation on installation of the sand base and drainage systems for baseball diamonds and multi-use fields.

For information, contact Janet Gift: (530) 758-4200.

Indiana Chapter: A May meeting is in the planning stages. Details will be announced soon.

For information, contact Terry Updike,



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Iowa Chapter: ISTMA will meet 1-4:30 pm Sat., Jun. 5, in Hawarden. The meeting will focus on baseball field repair.

ISTMA will hold a Seminar on Wheels tour in the Ames area Jun. 23. Sites will include Iowa State University, Ames Youth Complex, Reiman Gardens, and Ames High School.

For information, contact Lori Westrum at the Turf Office: (515) 232-8222, or fax: (515) 232-8228.

Florida Chapter #1: The Florida Chapter will meet Jun. 15 at the Orange Bowl in Miami. Host Dale Sandin will conduct a tour of the facility. The meeting will focus on sports field fertilization, and Dr. George Snyder will be the featured speaker.

For information, contact John Mascaro: (954) 341-3115.

KAFMO Chapter: The Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization will hold a Grounds Seminar at Hershey Stadium Sat., Jun. 19. Morning educational sessions will include presentations by Bob Hummer of Hummer Turfgrass Systems; John Tshudy, Director of Buildings and Grounds for Hershey Park; and Steve LeGros, Superintendent of Hershey Stadium. To help make this a

family day, KAFMO has put together a package that includes full-day reduced admission to Hershey Park and admission to a Hershey Wildcats Soccer game.

For information, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club: (610) 375-8469, ext. 212.

Tennessee Valley Chapter: TVSTMA will hold a workshop Jun. 23 at the University of Tennessee. Featured speakers will include Bob Campbell, Dr. Gil Landry, Dr. Jim McAfee, Dr. A. J. Powell, Dr. Tom Samples, and Dr. Coleman Ward.

For information on this event, contact Bob Campbell: (423) 974-2977, or call the chapter contacts listed.

For general information, contact Tom McAfee, Nashville Sounds: (615) 242-4371; or Bob Hogan: (888) 224-6426.

Colorado Chapter: The Colorado Chapter will hold its first-ever Seminar on Wheels tour Jun. 23. Sites will include Coors Field, Mile High Stadium, and the Denver Broncos Practice Facility.

CSTMA's annual golf tournament, the Lawnmower Man Open, will be held Jul. 20 at Westwoods Golf Course.

For information, call the **NEW** chapter hotline: (303) 346-8954.

Mid-South Chapter: A joint meeting this spring between the Mid-South Chapter and the Tennessee Valley

Chapter is in the planning stages. The date and a mid-state location will be announced soon.

For information, contact Jim Calhoun: (901) 755-1305, or Robert Bodi: (901) 383-2414.

Great Lakes Chapter: GLSTMA has two events in the planning stages: a tentatively planned workshop with the Cleveland Browns (date TBA), and an athletic field day and workshop at Ohio State University Jul. 7.

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

Wisconsin Chapter: The Wisconsin Chapter will participate in the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association's Summer Field Day at the O. J. Noer Facility Aug. 10.

For more information, contact Rich Riggs, R. H. Rettler & Associates: Inc.: (715) 341-2633.

Minnesota Chapter: The annual Workshop on Wheels is in the planning stages. Details will be announced soon.

For information, contact Connie Rudolph: (651) 646-1679.

Michigan Chapter: For information, contact Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools: (616) 395-2364.

Midwest Chapter: For information,

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MAFMO Chapter: For information, contact the hotline: (410) 290-5652.

Chapters on the grow

New Chapter: A new chapter is taking shape in the Kansas City MO/KS area. For information, contact Trevor Vance: (816) 504-4271, John Cundiff: (816) 525-7600, Bill Tritt: (816) 941-4424, Jody Gill: (913) 681-4121, Gary Custis: (816) 468-6215, or Jay Sutton: (816) 795-8873.

Arizona Chapter: For information, contact Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department: (602) 312-7954; or Kris Kircher, City of Chandler Parks & Recreation Department: (602) 786-2728.

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