

MAFMO

Springs to action

STMA in Action

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 Aspiron, 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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