

Chapters in Action

KAFMO's Fifth Annual Athletic Field Conference

by Mike Dickert

The KAFMO/STMA chapter held its 5th Annual Athletic Field Conference on Feb. 9, 2001, at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, Pa. The program included Boyd Montgomery, CFSM, of the Sylvania (Ohio) Recreation Department, presenting "Sports Field Design, Installation, and Maintenance" and "Managing Multipurpose Facilities;" Mike Dickert of Manor Township presenting "How We Do Things;" Dr. Doug Linde of Delaware Valley College presenting "Turf Growth Throughout the Year;" and Jeff Fowler of Penn State University Extension presenting "Is Your Field Safe?"

An annual awards program was initiated as well as a new scholarship program for students majoring in athletic field management.

The first ever Founders Award was given to Don Fowler for his years of dedication to promoting improvement and safety of athletic fields. Don was also instrumental in the formation of the KAFMO chapter. As such, the Founders Award will now be known as the Fowler Founders Award in Don's honor.

The Pequea Valley High School Soccer Field, located in Kinzers, Pa., was named the 2000 KAFMO Field of Distinction. The award was presented to sports turf manager James Hagy for his fine work producing a high quality field with limited resources.

The Waddington/Harper Scholarship, named for Penn State professors Dr. Donald Waddington and Dr. Jack Harper, was given to Matt Slingerland, John Fox, and Ryan Radcliffe. The recipients are all Turfgrass Management students interested in athletic field management careers upon graduation. Congratulations to all our award winners.

Recognition was given to several KAFMO members who won national awards at the STMA annual conference in Tampa. Dr. Andrew McNitt was awarded the Dr. Bill Daniel Award for outstanding teaching and research in athletic fields; Mr. Steve LeGros was awarded the STMA Professional Soccer Field of the Year for Hershey Stadium;

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and the College Baseball Field of the Year was presented to Kevin Yeiser, Keith Evans and Steve Sproles of Lebanon Valley College.

Thanks goes to the many vendors who sponsored the event by providing a top quality trade show for the attendees to enjoy during breaks.

Chapter News

Arizona: The Arizona Chapter's Spring Kick Off Meeting will be held on Friday, April 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Sun Devil Stadium of Arizona State University in Tempe. The Chapter is planning a Golf Tournament for the last week of May. Contact Chris Calcaterra, City of Peoria, at 623-412-4226 for information on this event. Other upcoming events include: a Karsten Turf Grass Facility Tour, with transportation from Phoenix to Tucson by bus. Dr. Dave Kopec will provide the tour and information about current research projects. Those interested in reserving slots, please contact Bill Murphy. Planned for June is the Summer Flagstaff Conference on Cool Season Grass. It will be hosted by Flagstaff Parks and Recreation. Phillip Garcia is the contact for this event.

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The Arizona Parks and Recreation Annual Conference will be held in Phoenix on Aug. 16. For information on this event, please contact Chris Calcaterra, City of Peoria. For information on the chapter or other upcoming events, contact: Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Park, Recreation and Facilities Manager, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or phone: 480-312-7954.

Colorado: The CSTMA Board is working on the upcoming calendar of events for 2001. For information on the Colorado Chapter or upcoming activities, log on to the Chapter's Web site: www.CSTMA.org or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline: 303-346-8954.

Florida: For information on the Florida Chapter or pending activities, contact John Mascaro at 954-341-3115.

Gateway: For information on upcoming events or on the chapter, contact: Mark Jennings at 314-983-5345 or Jim Anthony, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, at: 314-977-2956.

Indiana: The Indiana Chapter will hold its Spring Meeting on April 18 in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department of Columbus, Ind. Also planned is an early June Regional Meeting at Bloomington, Ind. For information on the Indiana Chapter or pending activities, contact: Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at 219-356-8424.

Iowa: The Iowa Chapter will be joining the Minnesota Chapter for the annual Chapter Clash on July 13 and 14. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the Iowa Chapter or upcoming activities, contact Lori Westrum at The Turf Office at 515-232-8222 (phone), 515-232-8228 (fax) or e-mail: Lori@iowaturf-grass.org.

Michigan: For information on the chapter or other pending events, contact Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools, at 616-738-6974 or click on your computer to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's NEW Web site.

Mid-Atlantic: The MAFMO Chapter has elected their 2001 Board. President is David Navarro; Vice President is Walter McKain; Secretary is Grove Teates; Treasurer is Bob Shumate; Immediate Past President is Tim Moore, CSFM. Board members are: Tim Anderson, Dale Stevens and Al Capitos. For information on the MAFMO Chapter or pending activities, contact the Hotline: 410-290-5652.

Mid-South: For information on the Mid-South Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Robert Bodi at TURF419@aol.com or Jim Calhoun at 901-755-1305.

Midwest: The Midwest Chapter will tackle a volunteer field renovation project for Avon Township Little League on Saturday, April 28, beginning at 8 a.m. The rain date for this project is May 5, with the same starting time.

Other upcoming events include: the Big 10 Regional Workshop in Bloomington, Indiana, on June 5; the

Wisconsin Chapter tour of the Milwaukee Brewer's new Miller Park & Game on June 15; a Tour on Wheels in August; a Fall workshop at the Lincolnshire Sports Complex in October; and the annual North Central Turf Expo at Pheasant Run Resort in December. Details on all these events will be announced soon. For information on the Midwest Chapter or pending activities, call The Chapter Hotline, 847-622-3517.

Minnesota: The Minnesota Chapter is planning its annual Spring Workshop for May 9. Their annual Minnesota/Iowa Chapter Clash is set for July 13 and 14, 2001. The annual Tour on Wheels will be held on July 25. Details on these events will be announced soon. For information on the Minnesota Chapter or other upcoming events, contact Ron Unger, Director of Parks & Recreation, City of Kasson, by phone at: 507-634-4165 or via email at: ParkNRec@CityofKasson.com.

MO-KAN: The MO-KAN Chapter is planning an "STMA Day at the K" at Kauffman Stadium, home of the Kansas City Royals. The date is yet to be set for this event. Planned for Saturday, May 12, is the Chapter's Satchel Paige Field Renovation Workday to take place at Satchel

Paige Stadium. Also planned is a June 6 Summer Field Day on "Managing Football and Soccer Fields" at the Olathe, Kansas, District Activities Complex in Olathe. Included in the event schedule are sessions on Summer Turf Management, Managing Football and Soccer Fields, Vendor Presentations and Breakout Sessions offering hands-on training in: Basic football and soccer field maintenance; Topdressing methods and materials; Field stripping and logo painting; and calibrating sprayers and spreaders. For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter or on upcoming events, contact: Trevor Vance at 816-504-4271; Gary Custis at 816-460-6215; or Jody Gill at 913-681-4121.

Nebraska: The Nebraska Chapter is planning a June 13 event at Gothenburg, and an August 6 event at the Mead Turf Show in the morning and Seward in the afternoon. More details will be announced soon. For information on the Nebraska Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Gregg Bostelman, City of Grand Island, at 308-385-5426.

New Jersey: For information on the New Jersey Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Jim Gavigan, Lesco, at 732-248-8979 or Eleanora Murfitt, Director, Township of Clinton Parks & Recreation Department, at 908-735-5999.

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Northern California: For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter or pending events, contact Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

Ohio: On May 23, OSTMA, in conjunction with the Kentucky Turfgrass Council, will hold a joint workshop at Paul Brown Stadium (home of the Cincinnati Bengals) and Cinergy Field (home of the Cincinnati Reds). The day will conclude with attendees enjoying dinner at the Crew Stadium and then watching a professional soccer game. The Ohio Chapter anticipates attendees from the Michigan, Midwest, Indiana, Tennessee and KAFMO Chapters and issues an open invitation to others to attend. Contact OSTMA or STMA National Headquarters for more information on this event. This event will be followed on July 19 by the OSTMA first Annual "Chapter Challenge" Golf Outing, also in Columbus, Ohio, with the proceeds to benefit the OSTMA scholarship fund. OSTMA is accepting scholarship and field of the Year nominations until Oct. 1. Contact the Web site or Boyd Montgomery for further information. For information on the OSTMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Joe Zelinko at 800-897-9714 or Boyd Montgomery at 419-885-1982 ext. 50, or click on your computer to www.glstma.org to visit the chapter's Web site.

South Texas: The South Texas Chapter is planning a June/July meeting in the Houston area. More details will be announced soon. For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Tom McAfee, Nelson Wolff Municipal Stadium, San Antonio, at 210-207-3754.

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Southern California Chapter or pending activities, contact Ron Kirkpatrick at 858-453-1755.

Tennessee Valley: TVSTMA is planning a June Meeting at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Also planned is a July meeting at Vanderbilt in Nashville. More details will be announced soon. For information on the TVSTMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc. at 931-380-0023 or 800-837-8062.

Virginia: For information on the Virginia Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Chapter President, Tim Swaim of Landscape Supply, Inc., Richmond, Va., by phone: 804-675-3050 or via e-mail: cardscowboys@cs.com.

Wisconsin: The Wisconsin Chapter will hold an event June 15 which will include a behind the scenes tour by Gary VandenBerg of the Milwaukee Brewers of the new Miller Park Stadium, and take in the night game between the Brewers and the Kansas City Royals. Events begin at 9 a.m. at Spring Valley Turf and include a tour of their fertilizer plant and an educational session on fertilizer by Spring Valley Turf personnel. For information on this event, contact Chris Brindley, UWSP, at 715-346-3622. For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter or other pending events, contact Richard Miller, at 608-756-1150.

Chapters On The Grow

New York: A chapter is forming in Central New York. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Interested? Want more information? Contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, via e-mail at Kevin@wpe.com or by phone at 607-432-2953.

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