

Chapters in Action

Midwest Chapter Gathers At Northwestern University

by Mike Schiller, CSFM

Over 50 people attended the Midwest STMA Chapter meeting and annual Awards Luncheon held at the Ryan Field Stadium Club of Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., on March 6, 2001. Attendees were welcomed by Ted Baker, CSFM, Chapter Program Chair, and Eric Adkins, CSFM, Agronomist for Northwestern University, who served as meeting host.

The morning's Construction Seminar was presented from three perspectives. The sports turf manager's perspective was presented by Scott Phippen of the Village of Lincolnshire, for which the 63 acre, multiple-athletic field, North Park Project was developed. Paul Wiese, Principal of the Smith Group, JJR, supplied the architectural firm's perspective. The contractor's perspective was provided by Mark Van Landuyt, President of Van's Enterprises, Inc., which serves as a contractor on numerous athletic field construction and renovation projects. A question and answer session followed the three presentations.

Adkins gave a presentation on the history of Northwestern's football facility. The Chapter congratulated Adkins, Randy Stoneberg and the Northwestern University athletic field staff for receiving the national STMA 2000 Football Field of the Year Award in the College/University division for Ryan Field.

Steve Trusty, STMA Executive Director, presented a certification update. STMA Board Member, Mike Trigg, CSFM, Superintendent of Parks for the Waukegan, Illinois, Park District, provided an update on National STMA activities.

An excellent buffet lunch and the award presentations followed the morning sessions. The Midwest Chapter Field and Facility Awards were presented to: Hoffman Estates High School of High School District 211; The Midwest Chapter Scholarship Awards were pre-

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sented to Randy Stoneberg of Northwestern University and Scott Phippen of the Village of Lincolnshire.

Closing the formal portion of the program was Randy Walker, Northwestern's Head Football Coach, who gave a dynamic presentation on the University's football program and on the interaction he and Adkins have to provide the best possible playing conditions for the student athletes.

Chapter News

Arizona: The Arizona 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. The Arizona Parks and Recreation Annual Conference will be held in Phoenix August 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 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 host a Regional Meeting to be held at Bloomington, Ind., during the first week of June. More details to be announced soon. 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, 2001. 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) or 515-232-8228 (fax) or e-mail: Lori@iowaturfgrass.org.

Keystone: For information on the KAFMO/STMA Chapter or other upcoming events, contact: Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at 610-375-8469, ext. 212 or via the chapter e-mail address: kafmo@aol.com.

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 Field Managers Organization: The MAFMO Chapter is planning an Aug. 24 Design and Construction Seminar to be held at the Annapolis Waterfront Marriott Hotel. 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: Upcoming events for the Midwest Chapter include: the Big 10 Regional Workshop in Bloomington, Ind., in early June; 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. For information on the Midwest Chapter or pending activities, call The Chapter Hotline 847-622-3517.

Minnesota: The Minnesota Chapter's annual Minnesota/Iowa Chapter Clash is set for July 13 and 14, 2001. The annual Tour on Wheels will be held on July 25. The Chapter will participate in the MTGF Field Day to be held at the University of Minnesota on July 26. 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.

Missouri-Kansas: The MO-KAN Chapter will hold its Satchel Paige Field Renovation Workday at Satchel Paige Stadium on Saturday, May 12. Also planned is a June 6 Summer Field Day on "Managing Football and Soccer Fields" at the Olathe, Kan., 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 offer-

ing hands-on training in: Basic football and soccer field maintenance; Topdressing methods and materials; Field striping 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. In the planning stages is an October meeting at Haymarket Park in Lincoln, Nebraska, the new home of the University of Nebraska Huskers Baseball Team and the professional baseball Northern League team, the Saltdogs. 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.

Northern California: The Nor-Cal Chapter is in the process of planning their annual Seminar on Wheels event. Details will be announced soon. For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter or pending events, contact Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

North Texas: For information on the North Texas Chapter or pending activities, contact: Kayla McAfee, at 972-234-6584 or Rene Asprion at 972-647-3393 or log onto www.ntstma.org to check out the Web site.

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 include tours of both facilities and such top speakers as Dr. A. J. Powell from the University of Kentucky and Joe Motz of the Motz Group.

OSTMA will host the second annual Regional Chapter Workshop on July 18 at Ohio State University. Events will include presentations by national speakers and tours of OSU athletic facilities, the Ohio Turfgrass Research Center, the

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Columbus Clippers Stadium and the Columbus Crew Stadium. 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, 2001. 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 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: 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, Tenn. Also planned is a July meeting at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn. 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 be joined by the Midwest Chapter for an event on June 15 which will include a behind the scenes tour by Gary Vandenberg of the Milwaukee Brewers of the new Miller Park Stadium, and takes 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

Las Vegas: With the STMA Annual Conference & Exhibition headed for Las Vegas (Jan. 16-20, 2002), plans for the formation of a Las Vegas Chapter also are moving forward. For more information on the developing chapter, please contact Rod Smith, Grounds Manager/Cashman Center, via e-mail at rms@lveva.com or by phone at 702-386-7140.

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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