

New STMA Chapter hosts field day

BY BOB STUDHOLME

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the STMA held its inaugural event last August 19 at the home of the Seattle Mariners, Safeco Field. More than 200 people attended the field day that featured a rotating station format that addressed infield maintenance, turf care, and logo painting.

Former major league player Dave Henderson welcomed the crowd as the keynote speaker. Henderson spoke of the impact that a field manager can have on a game, both good and bad. He then answered questions about his favorite/least favorite ballparks, and his memories about the 1989 "Battle of the Bay" World Series.

At the lunch break, participants, while enjoying a genuine ball park hot dog, heard from the chapter board members as well as special guests Dale Getz, CSFM, and Charlie Vestal who addressed the value and growth of the STMA.

The six rotating stations consisted of Chapter President and Mariners' head groundskeeper, Bob

Christofferson, sharing his knowledge on managing the infield skin, while his assistants, Tim Wilson and Leo Liebert, spoke on mound maintenance and construction.

The Washington State University turfgrass research team of Dr. Gwen Stahnke and Dr. Eric Miltner spoke on managing sand-based turf systems, and University of Oregon grounds manager Mike Wagner, CSFM, covered the aspects of mowing and its impact on the turfgrass plant. Seattle Seahawks' director of fields, Jay Warnick, CSFM, demonstrated some of the machines used in field and logo painting. The final station allowed participants to visit the equipment and displays of the six sponsors.

The day was a great success and a perfect way to launch the new PNWSTMA Chapter. Future plans include a round-table discussion and election meeting this fall. For more information contact Jay Warnick at 425-893-5130, or email JayW@Seahawks.com.

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STMA Chapter News

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: The MO-Kan Chapter will hold a Sports Facility Tour On Wheels October 16. Tour sites will be announced soon. Each stop will include a walking tour and a description of the maintenance practices of the facility.

For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jody Gill at 913-239-4121, Gary Custis at 816-460-6215, or Mike Green at 913-208-6158.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: The Minnesota Chapter's Fall Workshop will be held in Woodbury October 17. More details will be announced soon.

The Minnesota Turf & Grounds Foundation announces two opportunities for Pesticide Recertification, Categories A & E: October 15

at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington and November 5 at Madden's Resort Town Hall Convention Center in Brainerd. For information on the

recertification programs visit the website: www.mtgm.org or call 612-625-9234.

For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, at tel. 651-638-6075 or e-mail: j-hintz@bethel.edu.



Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA): The KAFMO Cup Golf Tournament will be held October 21 at Fairview Golf Course in Lebanon. Start time is 12:30 pm. This is the main fundraiser for the KAFMO scholarship fund. The scramble tournament is open to anyone who wants to enjoy a round golf, a great meal, and super day of networking. For more information on the tournament con-