

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-

tact Steve LeGros at 717-534-3167 or e-mail to KAFMO@aol.com.

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

Midwest Chapter STMA: The Midwest Chapter is planning a Fall Workshop for October. For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, visit the Chapter's website, <http://mcstma.org/>, or call Libby Baker at 847-263-7603 or email Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

Florida Chapter # 1: The Florida Chapter will meet November 12 at the University of Miami in Miami. The program will include: Weed Identification, GN-1 Bermudagrass Fertilization Research Project, and Mound Building. Attendees will tour the athletic facilities.

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

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): TVSTMA's Annual Planning and Election Meeting will be held November 12 at Vanderbilt University.

For information on the TVSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc., at 931-380-0023 or 800-837-8062 or visit the chapter's website: www.tvstma.org.

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter is planning a November Field Day at Edison International. The date and time will be announced soon. The Chapter's general meeting and elections will take place at 3:30 p.m. November 14 at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. Bruce Kidd of Dow AgroSciences will give a presentation on weed control strategies in turf. The Chapter also will have a booth at the Turfgrass and Landscape Institute (SCTC) December 11 at Buena Park.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Steve Dugas, California State University-Fullerton, at 714-278-3929 or email sdugas@fullerton.edu.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: The Virginia Chapter will hold officer elections in November for the 2003 officers. Installation of the 2003 officers will take place at the Virginia Turfgrass Council annual Conference in January.

For information on the Virginia Chapter, or other upcoming events, contact: Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority via e-mail: Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703/324-8590.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: The Colorado Chapter will participate in the RMRTA Turf Conference and Trade Show December 4 - 6 at the Denver Convention Center.

For information on the Colorado Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website, www.CSTMA.org, or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): The OSTMA Chapter will hold its fifth annual meeting and award breakfast December 11 in conjunction with the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Annual Conference and Trade Show at the Columbus Convention Center. The Conference dates are December 9-12. For information on the Conference, call 888-683-3444. For information on the OSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 740-452-4541 or Boyd Montgomery at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's website at www.ostma.org.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona: For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra at e-mail: chrisc@peoriaaz.com or tel. 623-412-4231 or Bill Murphy, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or tel. 480-312-7956.

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

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): For information on the Chapter or pending events, contact MiSTMA Headquarters at 517-712-3407, or email Amy Fouty, University of Michigan, at fouty@umich.edu, or go to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's new website.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Nebraska Chapter, or upcoming events, call Loren Humphrey at: 402-461-2324 or email to lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: The New Jersey Chapter will again partner with the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo to present a special sports turf specific educational track. The Expo will be held December 10-12, 2002, at the Trump Taj Mahal Resort & Casino in Atlantic City.

For information on the New Jersey Chapter, or upcoming events, call Fred Castenschiold at 908-722-9830 or email to mke@blast.net; or call Eleanora Murfitt, at 908-236-9118; e-mail to HQ@sfmanj.org.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact in Washington, Jay Warnick at JayW@Seahawks.com or in Oregon, Mike Wagner at MWagner@Oregon.UOregon.edu.

North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the North Texas Chapter, or pending activities, contact Greg Zimmerman at 214-987-5491 or bef-irrigation@att.net or Rene Aspiron at 972-647-3393, or visit the website at www.ntstma.org.

South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the South Texas Chapter, or upcoming events, call Craig Potts, Texas A & M University, at tel. 979-458-8841, or e-mail: CPotts@athletics.tamu.edu.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, call Richard Miller at 608-756-1150.

Chapters on the Grow

Kentucky: The forming Chapter will participate in the sports turf track of the Kentucky Turfgrass Council's Annual Conference and Trade Show. This event will be held November 4-7 at the Bowling Green Convention Center and University Plaza Hotel in Bowling Green.

For information on the chapter forming in Kentucky, contact Tom Nielsen at TNIelsen@batsbaseball.com or Aaron Boggs at AVBoggs@netscape.net.

Las Vegas: For information on the chapter developing in Las Vegas, contact Rod Smith, Grounds Manager/Cashman Center at e-mail: rms@lvcv.com or at tel. 702-386-7140.

New York: For information on the chapter forming in Central New York, contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, at e-mail: Kevin@wpe.com or at tel. 607-432-2953.



Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter, or pending events, call Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Gateway Chapter, or upcoming events, call Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College, 314-392-2328 or email krone@mobap.edu.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Lori Turek at 770-509-3663 or gastma@earthlink.net.

Indiana Chapter: For information on the Indiana Chapter, or pending activities, call Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at 219-356-8424.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Iowa Chapter, or upcoming activities, contact Jeff Wendel of The Turf Office at tel. 515-232-8222, or fax 515-232-8228, or e-mail: Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA): For information on the MAFMO Chapter, or pending activities, call the Hotline at 410-290-5652.