STMA in Action

OSTMA sponsors “hands on” clinic

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The Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA) Chapter held its first event for 2003 on April 14. The event was billed as a hands on athletic field painting clinic and it did not disappoint. About 42 OSTMA members and non-members participated in the clinic. There were three stations set up for this event: logo painting by Jeff Limburg (Toledo Mud Hens), field lining by Darian Daily (Columbus Crew), and tricks of the trade by Brian Hall (Sylvania Recreation). Participants got to demonstrate hands on painting techniques in both Jeff’s and Darian’s demonstrations and learned many “innovative ideas” to help in the painting of multiple fields from Brian.

The day ended with a panel discussion with Daily, Limburg, Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, (Sylvania Recreation), and Brian Gimbel (Ohio State University). The weather cooperated also, providing Northwest Ohio with its first 70-plus degree day of the year!

STMA Chapter News

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will meet at 11 AM June 4 at Big League Dreams in Chino Hills for a mini field day, facilities tour, general meeting, softball challenge, and lunch. Next on the calendar is a General Meeting and Nominations for 2004 Board members to be held September 11 at 2 PM at Mt. San Antonio College. The speaker for this event will be announced soon.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Steve Dugas, California State University - Fullerton, at 714-276-3929 or email sdugas@fullerton.edu.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): The Ohio Chapter will hold a Summer Field Day in conjunction with the Kentucky Chapter at the Cincinnati Reds Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati June 10. Speakers will include: Lynda Wightman from Hunter Industries, STMA President Bob Campbell from the University of Tennessee, Doug Gallant from the Reds, and Pam Sherratt from OSU. Afternoon events will include a tour of the Great American Ballpark and of Paul Brown Stadium, home of the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Chapter’s Golf Outing will be held July 22 at Apple Valley Golf Club in collaboration with the OLCA. For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 888-824-9805 or 419-824-9805 or Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter’s website at www.ostma.org.

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Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: The Gateway and Mo-Kan Chapters of the STMA, in association with the University of Missouri, will present the first ever MU Sports Turf Field Day June 11 at the MU Turfgrass Research Center in Columbia, MO. Please see the Mo-Kan Chapter block for additional details.

For information on the Gateway Chapter, or upcoming events, call Mike Krome, Missouri Baptist College, 314-392-2328 or email krome@mobap.edu.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: The MO-KAN and Gateway Chapters of the STMA, in association with the University of Missouri, will present the first ever MU Sports Turf Field Day June 11 at the MU Turfgrass Research Center in Columbia, MO. Registration begins at 8:30, with sessions from 9-3. The Field Day will concentrate only on sportsturf related research activities at the MU Turfgrass Research Center including: skinned
infrastructure materials, preliminary results of the bermedgrass overseeding and transition trials and more. We will have the opportunity to share ideas with Sports Turf Managers from St. Louis and surrounding areas as we tour a number of MU athletic facilities in the afternoon. Arrangements are being made for optional Motorcoach transportation from Kansas City to Columbia. The Chapter’s Fall Field Day, Sept. 10, will focus on strategies for High Use, Low Budget Fields. More details will be announced soon. For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Judy Gill at 913-239-4212 or jgill@bivb229.k12.ks.us.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will hold a Seminar June 19 at Sky Sox Stadium in Colorado Springs. Attendees will have the option of taking in a ballgame following the seminar. An August event is in the works at Hughes Stadium of Colorado State University in Fort Collins. The World Famous Lawnmower Man Open will be held at Heritage at the Westmore Golf Course July 22. For information on the Colorado Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter’s website, www.STMA.org, or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954 or contact President Michael McQuade at 303-237-7188 or pmcquade@jeffco12.co.col.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: ISTMA will hold its Iowa Cubs Baseball Workshop at Sec Taylor Stadium in Des Moines June 24. Observation of Pre-Game preparations starts at 10 AM. Game time is 12:05, with post-game observation to follow. For information on the Chapter, contact Jeff Wendel of The Turf Office at tel. 515-232-8222, or fax 515-232-8228, or email jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA): The KAFMO Sports Turf Managers School will be held June 23-25 at Lebanon Valley College in Annville. The School will provide classroom and hands-on sessions about baseball infield maintenance and renovation, turf management, aeration techniques, overseeding, soil biology and fertility, and much more. For information on the KAFMO/STMA Chapter or upcoming events, visit Dan Douglass, Reading Phillies Field Manager, at tel. 610-375-8469, ext. 212; or e-mail to kafmo@aol.com.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MSTMA): The Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting and Field Day June 26 at Birmingham Public Schools. Rob Carson, Sports Turf Manager, will host this event. This year’s theme is the free fundamental cultural practices: mowing, fertilization, irrigation, and topdressing. There will also be a tour of the facilities including Groves and Seaholm High School Fields and Stadiums.

For information on the Chapter, or pending events, contact MSTMA Headquarters at 517-712-3407; or email Amy Fouty, University of Michigan, at fouty@umich.edu, or go to www.mstma.org.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter is planning a major event for July 11. Morning sessions will be held at St. Norbert College. The afternoon event will be held at the legendary Lambeau Field. For more information on the Chapter, or other pending events, contact Chris Brindle at 715-346-3622 or chbrindle@uwsp.edu.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: The Minnesota and Iowa Chapters will hold their annual Chapter Clash July 11-12. This year the event will take place in Minnesota. The MN Chapter’s annual Tour on Wheels will be held August 13 and will again incorporate a St. Paul Saints game. For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota at tel. 651-638-6073 or e-mail jhintz@bethel.edu.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will meet July 15-16 at the University of Virginia. Join the Tailgate Receptions July 15 from 6-9 PM for a tour of UV’s Scott Stadium and Harrison Field and the Harrison Field reconstruction presentation. Registration for the July 16 Field Day begins at 7 AM at Davenport Field. Educational sessions and demonstrations run from 8-4. STMA President, Bob Campbell, CSFM, will be the featured speaker. For information on the Virginia Chapter, or other upcoming events, contact: Bob Studholm, Fairfield County Park Authority via e-mail Robert.Studholm@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703/324-8590.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): The Chapter will meet at Bellwood Baptist Church in Memphis July 18. In the planning stage is an August event at the Tennessee Titans Facility in Nashville. For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call President, Bob Elliott, Tieco, at 800-239-7947 or e-mail bellwood@bellwood.com.

Florida Chapter # 1: The Chapter will meet at the Seminole Indians facility in Hollywood July 22. Education will include: Preparing fields for Yard-Round Baseball and Irrigation Design for Sports Turf. For information on the Florida Chapter, or pending activities, contact John Mascar of 954-341-3115 or STMA@TurfTec.com.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will participate in the UNL Field Day July 22 beginning at 9 AM. Activities will include a tour of the UNL facilities and Haymarket Park and educational sessions with UNL speakers. Lunch will be served at a Memorial Stadium SkyBox. Pre-registration is required. For information on the Nebraska Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Loren Humphrey at 402-461-2324 or email to lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will hold its second Annual Safeco Field Day August 19. Rotating stations will instruct participants in turf management, infield maintenance, and facility management. More details will be announced soon. 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.OREgon.edu.

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

Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter’s Annual Seminar on Wheels will be held in late August. Please email Honny Hunter at emhunter@usa.net if you have questions or suggestions about this program.

For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter, or pending events, call Janet Gill at 530-758-4210.

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Southern California Chapter, or pending activities, call Michael Tarantino at 858-679-2526 or M Tarantino@powayusd.com.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Stan Moscrip, Indiana University, at 812-856-2256 or smoscrip@indiana.edu.

Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA): For information on the Chapter, or other pending activities, call the Hotline at 866-818-8873 or email Nick Gannill, CSFM, at ngannill@american.edu.

Midwest Chapter STMA: For information on the Chapter, or pending activities, visit the Chapter’s website, hemeostma.org, or call Libby Baker at 847-263-7603 or email Bakel06@yahoo.com.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call SFMANY at 908-730-7776 or Eleanor Murff at 908-256-9215; or e-mail to hq@sfmpany.org.

South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Kathy Casmeyer at 972-603-2649 or Katherine.Casmeyer@lmco.com, or visit the website at www.stbsta.org.

South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Tim Loesch at 210-207-3734 or TLoesch@alamodome.com.

Chapters on the Grow: 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.