

OSTMA gets zoned in at Paul Brown Stadium

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The Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association held a 2-day irrigation workshop June 17-18 at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati. Attendees had a great opportunity to learn about irrigation inside and out.

Dr. Ed McCoy from Ohio State kicked off the event with a detail explanation on how soils effect and interact with moisture. He demonstrated his new software that allows him to time lapse the infiltration and saturation of different soil mediums.

Lynda Wightman from Hunter Industries then explained the basic principals in irrigation and system workings. Mike Myers, also with Hunter, spoke on efficiencies and the more detailed aspects of operating a system.

The day concluded with Bengals' head sports turf manager Darian Daily giving the participants a tour of the stadium and explaining the process of the new FieldTurf system that is being installed at the facility. When we walked out onto the field, we saw temperature readings shoot from 101 degrees to 137 degrees within minutes once the sun popped out. This is even before they had the infill material in the carpet.

The second day began with Jeff Emgbroff of Hunter Industries speaking on the design aspects of irrigation systems. The group was then split up into three groups that rotated around to three different stations. The three topics we covered were Irrigation head troubleshooting, controller troubleshooting, and valve troubleshooting.

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STMA seeking Board nominees

The Sports Turf Managers Association's Nominations Committee is seeking individuals who are interested in serving on the STMA board in the following categories: Sports Turf Managers of facilities used by professional teams; Sports Turf Managers of the facilities of schools other than colleges and universities (elementary, middle schools, high schools or junior colleges); and STMA Commercial members.

The STMA board meets four times a year and board members are asked to chair or serve on one or more committees.

Direct nominations and questions to STMAHQ@st.omhcoxmail.com, 800/323-3875.

"Every man owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has the right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere"

Teddy Roosevelt



One big tent

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey invites the green industry to attend our outdoor fall field day / trade show and equipment demonstration day, Tuesday, August 17, at Plainsboro Township Community Park, Plainsboro, NJ.

As the green industry becomes more specialized and small organizations become established to provide education for their membership, it becomes more and more difficult for supporters of the industry to remain effective. Like pieces of a pie, each organization establishes its part. As the number of organizations grows, the pieces of the pie grow smaller.

It is only through communication and the cooperation of the entire industry that these individual organizations can benefit their membership without being a drain on an industry that otherwise continues to splinter.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey is an organization that was established four years ago based on the need for specialized education in the athletic field maintenance area of the green industry. SFMANJ continues to foster cooperation and communication with other organizations dedicated to similar missions. We are committed to establishing and maintaining lines of communication with these organizations to maximize the benefits of their specialized knowledge and expertise, while at the same time minimizing unhealthy competition that only serves to dilute the potential synergistic development of the green industry.

There will be time allotted for spectators to spend time with the equipment dealers and operate any of the equipment being demonstrated. Come show your support to the industry. Registration information can be downloaded from SFMANJ.org on the web or contact us at (908) 730-7770.