

Chapter events at an all-time high

STMA Chapter activity is at an all time high. Chapter events range from classroom educational sessions, to hands-on "show and tell" on the field demonstrations, to vendor exhibits and "working" demonstrations, to multiple site tours of regional sports fields and facilities. Networking, the chance to share information and ideas with other sports turf managers, enhances all of these educational opportunities.

Networking is key to all STMA events. Those attending their first Chapter meeting are amazed by the amount of information shared and that it is shared so freely. A sports turf manager may see a feature on one of the tours on wheels and ask the turf managers on site how they achieved it. They'll get a great answer, filled with details they can use. And others will add input on their experiences with working toward the same goals. The pros and cons of various methods will be discussed, with nuts and bolts information provided on time allocation, product performance and results throughout each step of the process. Sports turf managers understand that information shared raises the level of expertise for the individuals involved and for the profession. Sharing the details on what worked well and, maybe even more important, the details on what did not work in specific instances, puts a greater body of knowledge forward for all to examine, pick from and put to use. If you haven't yet joined in your regional chapter events, check out the details listed here and on the STMA website, www.sportsturfmanager.com to mark your calendar for the next opportunity to participate.

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STMA seeks executive director

The Board of Directors of the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) has announced that they are seeking to hire an Executive Director to manage STMA. Currently, STMA has a contractual agreement for management services with Trusty & Associates, which has managed the association since 1996.

In January, the STMA Board of Directors assembled a committee chaired by Steve Wightman to investigate various management options for the future of the association. After extensive deliberation, the committee's recommendation to the Board at the April Board meeting was that it was in the best interest of STMA to have its own dedicated Executive Director and staff, which has been a long standing vision of STMA.

To assist with the search, the Board approved the services of a professional association management recruiter, Dr. Ted Flickinger. The goal is to make a decision about the selection of the Executive Director at the STMA July Board Meeting.

STMA President Bob Campbell, CSFM, said "With the help of the Trustys and many dedicated volunteers, STMA has grown tremendously over the past eight years and is now at a point that it needs the attention of a full-time dedicated Executive Director and staff. We are all grateful for the outstanding job the Trustys have done for this association over the past eight years to help us grow so that we are now in position to make this long-standing vision a possibility."

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Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): The Chapter will hold a Hands-On Irrigation Workshop at Paul Brown Stadium, home of the Cincinnati Bengals, June 17-18. This 2-day event will include sessions on soils, basic irrigation principles, and troubleshooting. OSTMA will hold its South East Ohio Field Day July 8 at the University of Rio Grand. Low-budget field maintenance will be the focus of this event. A Collaborative Golf Outing between OSTMA & OLCA will be held July 28 at Apple Valley in the Columbus area. The OSU/OTF Turfgrass Research Field Day will be held at the OTF Research & Education Center at Ohio State August 18. The Chapter also will participate in the OTF Annual Golf Tournament October 5 at the Golf Club of Dublin, Dublin. For info on the OSTMA 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.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA): KAFMO and Penn State Cooperative Extension are teaming up to present an in-depth baseball field clinic at the Goodman Campus of Lehigh University in Bethlehem June 22. Sessions include an Infield Clinic on the mound, home plate, batters boxes and infield clay; an "On

the Edge" session on maintaining basepaths and eliminating lip areas; a parade of vendors and equipment demonstrations; and Fighting Weeds in the Diamond. Contact Nancy Bosold at (610) 378-1327 for more information. KAFMO will hold its Fourth Annual Sports Turf Managers School June 28-30, with both classroom sessions and hands-on out activities offered to provide practical instruction for athletic field managers. Contact Linda Kulp at (717) 921-8803 to register. For info 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.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will participate in the ITI Equipment Demo Day planned for June 22 at the ISU Athletic Fields in Ames. The ITI Field Day is scheduled for July 22 at the ISU Horticulture Research Station in Ames. The annual Iowa-Minnesota Chapter Clash will be held July 9-10, with Iowa this year's host. For info on the 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.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): The Chapter's MiSTMA Field Days, with featured speaker Floyd Perry, will be held June 22 at

Zeeland High School, June 23 at Albion College, and June 24 at Oakland University. More details will be announced soon. The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation Field Day will be held July 21 at the Hancock Turfgrass Research Center in East Lansing. MiSTMA also is planning a half day hands-on workshop for September 21 at Plainwell High School. For info on the Chapter or pending events, contact MiSTMA Headquarters at 517-712-3407, or email Amy Fouty, Michigan State University, at fouty@ath.msu.edu, or go to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's website.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: The Chapter is planning its annual Tour on Wheels for June 23. Registration opens at 7:30 AM at the St. Paul Saints Stadium. Following the 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM tour of area sports facilities the Tour will wrap up with the traditional return to the St. Paul Saints Stadium for tailgating and the game. The annual Iowa-Minnesota Chapter Clash will be held July 9-10, with Iowa this year's host. For info on the Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, at tel. 651-638-6075 or e-mail: j-hintz@bethel.edu or check out the Chapter website: www.mstma.com.

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will hold a