

Conference season kicks off

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November marks the beginning of the state and regional turfgrass conferences. Many of these conferences offer sports turf educational tracks developed in conjunction with the area's Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) Chapters. Some of these are highlighted in the Chapter information blocks below. Take advantage of these educational advantages and the opportunity to network with your peers and encourage participation in local and regional Chapter activities.

Expand your horizons by attending the STMA 16th Annual Conference and

Exhibition. It will be held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Phoenix hotel, January 19-23, 2005. This is an event packed with opportunities to fine tune your sport turf management program, including: Seminar on Wheels visits to area sports fields, the SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament fundraiser, networking sessions, educational sessions and workshops, the MLB/NFL offsite Seminar, round-table discussions, the Awards Banquet, keynote speaker Ron Santo, and the sports turf focused trade show. Check out www.sportsturfmanager.com for complete information.

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Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association: The Kentucky Chapter will participate in the Kentucky Turfgrass Council Conference and Trade Show November 9-11. A special Sports Turf Track will take place November 10.

For more information on the chapter or upcoming events, check out the website: www.kystma.org or contact Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@batsbaseball.com or Donnie Mefford at dbmeff00@email.uky.edu or call him at 859-257-1451.

Florida Chapter # 1: The Chapter will hold a November 16 meeting at Sable Pines Park in the City of Coconut Creek. The topic is Total Park Maintenance from Fence to Fence. Equipment demonstrations also will be showcased.

For information on the Chapter, or pending activities, contact John Mascaro at 954-341-3115 or STMA@Turf-Tec.com.

South Carolina Chapter of STMA: The Chapter will meet November 16 in Myrtle Beach at Coastal Federal Field, home of the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. Featured on the program will be Weed Identification and Control presented by Dr. Bert McCarty and Baseball Infield Preparation demonstrated by Chris Ball. Following the meeting, participants may visit the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendent Trade Show from 4:30-7:00 PM for an additional charge. Golf casual attire is required for the trade show event.

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Dr. Hale at 843-662-3526 extension 206 or by email at tchale@clemsun.edu or on the chapter's website www.scstma.org.

Midwest Chapter STMA: The Chapter is offering scholarships and Field/Facility Awards to its members. Applications for each were sent out in the August Newsletter. Copies are available by contacting Libby Baker as shown below. The scholarship is \$750 and can be used for attending the National STMA Conference in Phoenix in January. The awards and scholarships will be presented at the Illinois Professional Turf Conference (IPTC) November 30 to December 2.

For information on the 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.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona: The Chapter will hold its Annual Sports Turf Show December 2 at the Yuma Civic Center. Program highlights will include: Aeration Principles presented by Dr. David Kopec; Playground Safety presented by Landscape Structures; Seven Deadly Sins of Tree Care presented by Tina McKeand, City of Yuma Arborist; Selecting the Right Sprinkler

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presented by Nate Gould of Hunter; and afternoon Round-Table Discussions. The Annual Golf Tournament will be held December 1. For information on either of these two events, contact Larry Munoz at 928-373-5221 or Joel Hubbard at 928-373-5227.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra at e-mail: chris@peoriaaz.com or tel. 623-412-4231 or Bill Murphy, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or 480-312-7956.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Chapter will participate in the "Fall Symposium" to be held at the University of Virginia December 1. The Chapter's Annual Membership Meeting will take place from noon to 1:00 PM January 12, 2005, in conjunction with the Virginia Turfgrass Council's Annual Conference.

For information on the Chapter, and these 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:

CSTMA will again participate in the Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association Conference and Trade Show. This event will be held December 7-9, 2004, at the Holiday Inn-DIA in Denver. For details of the Conference check out the RMRTA website: www.rmrtat.org.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website, www.CSTMA.org or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954, or contact Chapter President Ryan Jensen at 303/464-5687 or rjensen@ci.broomfield.co.us.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: SFMANJ will offer a sports turf educational track in conjunction with the New Jersey Turfgrass and Landscape Expo and Trade Show to be held at the Taj Mahal Resort in Atlantic City, December 7-9, 2004. For further details, contact Dick Caton at 856-853-5973 or visit the website: www.njturfgrass.org.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call SFMANJ at 908-730-7770 or Eleanora Murfitt-Hermann at 908-236-9118; or e-mail to HQ@sfmanj.org or visit the chapter's website: www.sfmanj.org.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association

(OSTMA): Mark your calendars now for the 38th Annual Ohio Turfgrass Conference & Show December 7-10, 2004, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus. OSTMA will hold their annual meeting as a lunch event December 9 in conjunction with the Conference. There will be a silent auction along with the annual meeting to help raise funds for the Chapter's education scholarship fund.

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.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: The Minnesota

Chapter will participate in the Minnesota Turfgrass Foundation Annual Conference and Trade Show, the Minnesota Green Expo which will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center January 5-7, 2005. Pre-Expo Workshops will be offered January 4. For the most up-to-date details, visit the website: www.minnesotagreenexpo.com.

For information 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.



Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will present a sports turf track of educational sessions in conjunction with the 2005 Iowa Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show to be held at the Polk County Convention Complex on January 31-February 2, 2005. Keynote Speaker is mentalist, Keith Matheny.

For information 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.

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.

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

Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly called Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA): The chapter has hired a new Executive Director, Graham Davis, who holds his Masters Degree in turfgrass science from the University of Maryland. He will be helping the chapter complete its database of members and vendors, and also start a newsletter.

For information on the Chapter, or other pending activities, call the Hotline at 866-818-8873 or email Nick Gammill, CSFM, at ngammill@american.edu.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the 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 Skip Kirby at 770-928-1580 or email skip@sportsturfmanagement.com

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Eric Johnson, University of Southern California, at 213-821-5654 or email ejohnson@busaff.usc.edu.

Indiana Chapter: For information on the Chapter, or pending activities, contact Stan Moscrip, Indiana University, at 812-856-2256 or smoscrip@indiana.edu.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA):

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.

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, Michigan State University, at fouty@ath.msu.edu, or go to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's website.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call Mike Green at 913-888-8055 or email him at: mgreen865@earthlink.net.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association:

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

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact: Bob Christofferson at bchristo@mariners.org.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call Chapter President, Bob Elliott, Tico, at 800-239-9547 or Glenn Lucas at 800-837-8062; email to Glenn@tvstma.org, or visit the chapter's website: www.tvstma.org.

Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: For more information on the Chapter or upcoming events contact the TXSTMA office at the Phone/Fax number: 866-TXSTMA1 (866-897-8621) or email T. J. Thompson, Treasurer, at: TXturfmanager@prodigy.net.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association:

For more information on the Chapter, or other pending events, contact Chris Brindley at 715-346-3622 or cbrindle@uwsp.edu.

Forming Chapters:

North Florida STMA Chapter: For information on the newly forming North Florida Chapter, contact: Mark Clay at 904-633-6116 or Jay McCord at 904-448-2583.