

Join the Sports Turf Managers Association

Fall is in full swing. Winter is fast approaching. Your fields are fully scheduled and then some. Budgets are stretched to the max. You are once again being asked to do more with less. To accomplish your goal of providing the best possible playing surfaces for all of the athletes that use your facilities you'll need to rally all of the resources available to you.

The best and most economical way to tap into those resources is through membership in the Sports Turf Managers Association at the national and local or regional level. You'll gain networking opportunities both through meetings and through direct interaction with your peers. You're sure to connect with those in similar positions that have "been there" and "done that" and are willing and able to share the wealth of their experience with you. Check out the Chapter meeting opportunities listed below.

And this is a great time to join. The National Association and its affiliated Chapters offer a special promotion to new members joining during the last quarter of the year. Join any time after October 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004, and your membership begins immediately and runs through December 31, 2005. That's up to 15 months of membership for the price of 12 months!

Check out the website at www.sportsturfmanager.com to sign up on line, use the application form inserted in this issue, or contact STMA Headquarters at 800-323-3875 for further details.

Mark your calendar now for STMA's 16th Annual Conference & Exhibition, January 19-23, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix hotel and the Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center.



chapter news

Minnesota Chapter STMA: The Chapter will hold their Fall Workshop October 6 at the City of Apple Valley Park Maintenance Facility. Events will include: a drainage presentation, vendor presentations, a facilitated round-table discussion, and turf and ground equipment demonstrations.

For information contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, 651-638-6075 or e-mail: j-hintz@bethel.edu or check out www.mstma.com.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: Rutgers University will be hosting a Sports Turf Workshop in conjunction with SFMANJ on from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm on October 7, at Hort. Farm II in North Brunswick. Highlights include field

tours of turfgrass traffic tolerance research and variety trials.

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 www.sfmanj.org.

Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter's 2nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held October 20 at the Mill Creek Golf Club & Inn in Salado. For more information contact the TXSTMA office at the Phone/Fax number: 866-TXSTMA1 (866-897-8621) or email T. J. Thompson, Treasurer, at: TXturfmanager@prodigy.net.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: October 31, 2004, is the deadline for entries into the Iowa Chapter's Field of the Year and Turf Manager of the Year programs. Applications can be downloaded from the Chapter's website: www.iowaturfgrass.org.

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.

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