

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.



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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.

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For more information, 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, contact John Mascaro at 954-341-3115 or STMA@Turf-Tec.com.

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, January 19-23, 2005. The awards and scholarships will be presented at the Illinois Professional Turf Conference (IPTC) scheduled for November 30 to December 2.

For information visit the Chapter's website, <http://mcstma.org/>, or call Libby Baker at 847-263-7603 or email Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

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.rmrt.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.

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, 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.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona: For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra at e-mail:

chrisc@peoriaaz.com or tel. 623-412-4231 or Bill Murphy, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or 480-312-7956.

Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter, or pending events, call Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

Southern California Chapter: SoCal STMA will hold a Golf Tournament at Chula Vista Golf



Course on October 15. Sign in begins at 7:15 am with a shotgun start at 8:15 am. Singles, Twosomes and Foursomes are encouraged to sign up now to reserve their spots.

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

South Carolina Chapter of STMA: For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Dr. Hale at 843-662-3526 extension 206 or by email at tchale@clermson.edu or on the chapter's website www.scastma.org.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly called 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 Gammill, CSFM, at ngammill@american.edu.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Gateway 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 Indiana 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 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, Tieco, 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.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter, or other upcoming events, contact: Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority via e-mail: Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703-324-8590.

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.