

The NFL and MLB, minus players, visit Disney

Last year, the National Football League and Major League Baseball Sports Turf Managers combined forces to provide a great educational opportunity for attendees of the STMA Conference and Exhibition. This Offsite Seminar and Workshop, conducted by MLB and NFL Sports Turf Managers, will take place Saturday, January 21, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the William R. Boone High School, about 20 minutes from Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. The baseball, softball, and football fields are adjacent to each other and will be a great location for this hands-on seminar.

Before the STMA Conference, the 2006 Professional Sports Turf Symposium, hosted by Turface Athletics, Toro, and Covermaster will take place. The symposium provides a venue for MLB and NFL professionals to exchange ideas and discuss the ever-changing industry challenges. The program concludes Tuesday at Boone High School with the MLB/NFL "adopt a field" event. A local field from the host community in need of repair and renovation is selected. Using their combined expertise the newly formed "MLB/NFL grounds crew" donates their time and efforts to help improve the field conditions and make for a safer playing surface.



"This is a way the turf managers chose to give back to the industry that supports them," said Charlie Vestal of Turface Athletics.

After the Symposium, the STMA Offsite Seminar and Workshop begins and the new field is used as an educational backdrop for conference attendees.

Participants will spend the day with MLB and NFL sports turf managers who will show and tell key points of field maintenance. The instructors will focus on efficient methods to handle daily tasks and techniques to accomplish quality field maintenance.

"Each year, it has continued to grow and we anticipate another successful year in 2006. Last year, we had 147 people participate in this great hands-on learning

experience," said Bob Christofferson of the Seattle Mariners, who has coordinated this program for the past 4 years.

This event is supported by Midwest Rake, Turface Athletics, Beacon Athletics, Toro, and World Class Athletic Surfaces. Attendees can register for this instructional and beneficial event through the STMA office by calling 800-323-3875 or online at www.sportsturfmanagers.org. Breaks and lunch will be provided at the field. An additional fee required.

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Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly called Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA): For information on the Chesapeake Chapter, contact Graham Davis at gdavis@american.edu or call 301/495-5522.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:

Check out CSTMA's new infomercial on-line at www.cstma.org. For more information about CSTMA visit our website at www.cstma.org or call the Chapter Hotline at 303/346-8954 or President Richard Buelter at 303/233-2922 or email dbuelter@jeffco.k12.co.us. Have a Happy Holiday Season and we'll see you in 2006.

Florida #1 Chapter: The Florida Turfgrass Association will be hosting two 1-day seminars, January 17, 2006 in Lake Worth, Florida and January 18, 2006 in Weston, Florida. For more information on these 1-day seminars, go to www.ftga.org or call 800/882-6721. CEUs will be awarded. For information on the Florida #1 Chapter or upcoming events, visit the Florida #1 Chapter page on STMA's website or contact John Mascaro at 954/341-3115 or STMA@turf-tec.com.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: The Gateway Chapter will host our annual end of the year lunch meeting and elections

on December 14, 2005. For information on upcoming events or on the Gateway Chapter, contact Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College at 314/392-2328 or e-mail krone@mobap.edu.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Skip Kirby at 770/928-1580 or by e-mail at skip@sportsturfmanagement.com.

The Greater L.A. Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Greater LA Basin Chapter would like to recognize its new officers for 2006: President - Carol Gundlach, CSFM, President-Elect - Bill Rudometkin, Commercial Vice President - Paul Webb, Secretary - Hector Kristemann, Treasurer - Tim Isle and Past President - Emilio Avalos. For more information on the Chapter or upcoming events call Emilio Avalos at 949/824-8243 or e-mail ecavalos@uci.edu.

Illinois Chapter (formerly Midwest Chapter) STMA: For information on the Illinois Chapter or

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upcoming events call chapter secretary Libby Baker at 847/263-7603 or e-mail Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: The 72nd annual Iowa Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show is January 30 through February 1, 2006 at Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines, IA. For information on the Chapter or upcoming activities visit www.iowaturfgrass.org or contact Jeff Wendel of The Turf Office at 515/232-8222 or fax 515/232-8228 or e-mail Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA):

KAFMO will be participating in the Eastern Pennsylvania Turf Conference and Trade Show, January 10-12, 2006. Check out www.paturf.org for program and registration information. February 17, 2006, KAFMO will be holding the 10th Annual KAFMO/PRPS Athletic Field Conference at the Harrisburg/Hershey Holiday Inn. Topics will include: Irrigation; Turf Maintenance Calendar; Logo Painting; Student-Athlete Involvement; and a PDA IPM update. A trade show and the annual awards program will also be featured. For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club at 610/375-8469, ext. 212 or by e-mail to: kafmo@aol.com.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, go to www.kystma.org or contact Donnie Mefford at dbmeff00@email.uky.edu or call 859/257-1451.

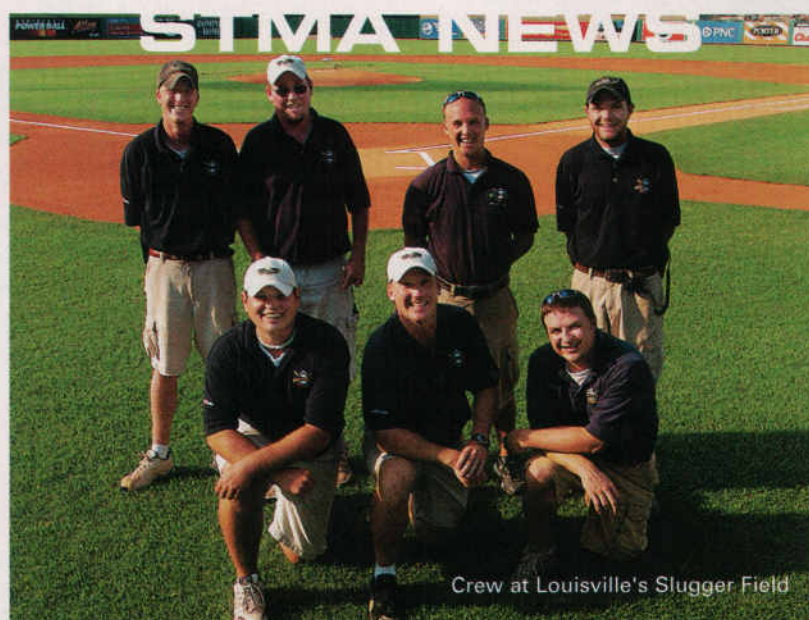
Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation's Annual Meeting will be held at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan, January 9-11, 2006. For information on the Michigan Chapter, visit their website at www.mistma.org or contact Chad Follis at 269/377-3340 or 269/381-0596 or by email at chad-follis@farmngarden.com.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, visit the Chapter website at www.mstma.org or contact chapter President Greg Hoag at 651/486-8295 or by e-mail at greg.hoag@metro-inet.us.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the MO-KAN Chapter or upcoming events, contact Paul Hecker at 913/971-9717 or by e-mail at phecker@olatheks.org.

New England STMA (NESTMA): The NESTMA Summer Field Day was held on August 10, 2005 at the Campus of Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH. The days events were located on the Melucci Sports Fields. Over 100 people attended the event. The grounds of the campus were in

suburb condition which is a credit to Kim Britton and her staff. Thank you Kim for opening the doors to your facility and making everyone feel at home. You should be very proud of your accomplishments at St A's. For information on the New England chapter or upcoming events, contact David Pinsonneault at 781/861-2757 or e-mail dpinson@ci.lexington.ma.us or Nick Caggiano at 603/589-3370 or e-mail caggianon@ci.nashua.nh.us.



Crew at Louisville's Slugger Field

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Nebraska Chapter or upcoming events, contact Loren Humphrey at 402/461-2324 or by e-mail at lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: For information on the New Jersey Chapter or upcoming events call SFMANJ at 908/730-7770, e-mail HQ@sfmanj.org or visit the Chapter website at www.sfmanj.org.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): For information on the Ohio Chapter, contact OSTMA headquarters at 614/354-1196 or Ostma@aol.com. You can also visit our new website at www.ostma.org. The new OSTMA address is PO Box 3426 Dublin, OH 43016.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Matt Johns at 253/445-4538 or mjohns@puysallup.wsu.edu.

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Southern California Chapter or pending activities, call the Chapter Hotline at 888/578-STMA (578-7862) toll free in Southern California or 760/226-8873 or Michael Tarantino at 858/679-2526 or by e-mail at MTarantino@powayusd.com.

South Carolina Chapter of STMA: Check out this unusual story on the SCSTMA website, www.scstma.org, about a group of determined South Carolina grandmothers and how some SCST-

MA members joined together to help renovate a ball field for them. There was even a mini feature on ESPN about them! The SCSTMA will hold their fall 2005 meeting December 13th at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC. The winners of the Field of the Year and Student scholarship competitions will be announced. For information on the South Carolina Chapter or upcoming events contact Trent Hale, Ph.D. at 843/662-3526 ext. 206 or by e-mail at tchale@clemson.edu for more information or visit our website at www.scstma.org.

Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: The Annual Business Meeting and Board Elections will be held during the TTA Winter Conference December 12-14 in San Antonio, TX. For information on the Texas Chapter contact T.J. Thompson, President-Elect at txturfmanager@1scom.net or 972/670-2138 (m).

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, call Chapter President, Chris Pearl at 615/242-4371.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: The VSTMA will participate in and support the Virginia Turfgrass Council (VTC) Annual Conference, January 10-12, 2006 in Richmond, Virginia. The VSTMA will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on January 11, 2006 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in Richmond, Virginia. For information on the Virginia Chapter or upcoming events, please contact VSTMA President Bob Studholme of the Fairfax County Park Authority at 703/324-8590 or robert.studholme@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Wisconsin 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.

New York Sports Turf Managers Association: Contact - Mike Albino by phone at 315/468-6225 or (c) 315/427-1214 or email him at mikealbino@earthlink.net.

Idaho STMA: For information, contact Greg Liggett, at 208/496-2421 or email him at liggett@byu.i.edu.

Nevada STMA Chapter: For information, contact Corey Angelo at 702/433-3113 or by e-mail at sls654ASCM@lesco.com.