



SAFE Raises \$25,000+ at Conference

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments, (SAFE), STMA's charitable arm, raised \$25,500 at the 2005 STMA Annual Conference in Phoenix in January.

Leading the donations was the Jacobsen/Textron Golf Tournament, which raised \$16,000. In addition, Jacobsen/Textron funded \$30,000 of the tournament costs. Highlight of this year's tournament was a hole-in-one by Luke Yoder, director of field and landscape maintenance at San Diego's Petco Park.

Due to the efforts and hard work of auctioneer Tom Curran, and the help of John Mascaro and Steve Torske, the Silent Auction, Live Auction and Raffles

raised \$9,500. A special raffle, a chance to win a spot on the grounds crew for the All-Star Game, was donated by Heather Nabozny of the Detroit Tigers. Steve Gilbertson, City of Lino Lakes, Chisago City, MN, won the opportunity to work on the crew July 9-12, and will receive lodging and transportation.

SAFE's mission is to support sports field-specific research, scholarship, and educational programs to promote user safety. SAFE believes that science is the key to benefit sports fields in the areas of playability, user safety, and the environment. The results of SAFE's support will assist athletes at all levels with safer playing fields.



Dave Rulli and Steve LeGros catch up at the Jake tournament.

chapter news

Profile

The newest addition to the STMA chapter network, New England Sports Turf Managers Association (NESTMA), brings 219 members into the affiliated chapter program from more than a half dozen states.

Thirteen board members govern the chapter. Serving as President is David Pinsonneault, Public Grounds Superintendent, from Lexington, MA. Vice President Nick Caggiano is the Park Superintendent

in Nashua, NH. The Treasurer, Tim Walsh, holds the position of Public Works Director in Westwood, MA, and Assistant Superintendent Mike Buras, CSFM, from Longwood Cricket Club in W. Newton, MA, is Secretary. Holding the office of Immediate Past President is Mary Owen, Extension Turf Specialist, at the University of Massachusetts.

NESTMA holds an annual summer field day the second Wednesday in August with the proceeds going to the Charlie Mruk Scholarship Fund. Other

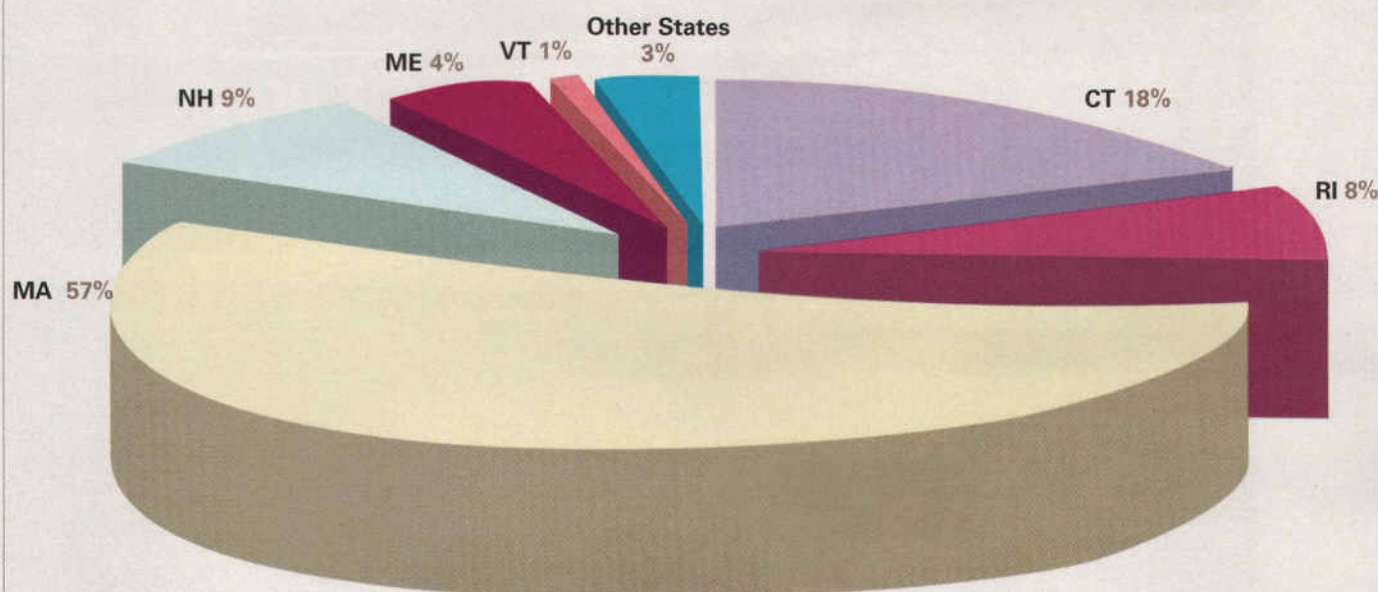
educational offerings include free workshops for members in the spring and the fall, held in various New England locations and alternating between professional, school and municipal facilities.

North and South Texas Chapters Merge

A process that began in 2003 has culminated in the consolidation of the North and South Texas Chapters, now known as the Texas Sports Turf Managers Association (TXSTMA).

This action was undertaken to strengthen volunteerism, increase membership, provide more effective governance, and provide more value to vendors. The North Texas Chapter, which was the more established chapter, and the younger, less established South Texas Chapter have been able to collectively build a strong nucleus by combining each chapter's resources. Both chapters had a 100% approval from their members to consolidate into one chapter. A Board of Directors comprised of members from each former chapter governs the new association. The association will host meetings in Dallas/Ft. Worth, San Antonio/Austin, and Houston to provide access to all members.

NESTMA Membership Statistics



Chapter Events/Contacts

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:

Contact Chris Calcaterra (e-mail) at chrisc@peoriaaz.com or call 623/412-4231; or Bill Murphy at e-mail bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us, or 480/312-7956.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly called Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA):

Events: Spring meeting at RFK Stadium March 16 from 9:30 - 2:00. See how the RFK is being transformed to a Major League Baseball Stadium that will also host Major League Soccer. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$25. Contact Graham Davis at gdavis@american.edu or call 301/495-5522.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:

Events: Baseball Seminar April 21, Loveland. Michael Robinson will discuss baseball field maintenance techniques and build a regulation pitcher's mound. To register, call 303/346-8954 or go online to www.cstma.org. Contact: www.CSTMA.org, call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303/346-8954, or contact President Richard Buelter at 303/233-2922 or dbuelter@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Florida #1 Chapter:

Contact: John Mascaro at 954/341-3115 or STMA@turf-tec.com.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association:

Contact: Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College at 314/392-2328 or e-mail krone@mobap.edu.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association:

Contact: Skip Kirby at 770/928-1580 or skip@sportsturfmanagement.com.

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

Event: Education/general meeting, City of Walnut, March 24 from 11:00-2:00. For more info, call Emilio Avalos at 949/824-8243 or email ecavalos@uci.edu.

Illinois Chapter (formerly Midwest Chapter) STMA:

The Midwest Chapter officially became the Illinois Chapter last November. Contact: <http://mcstma.org/>, or call Libby Baker at 847/263-7603 or e-mail Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:

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): Events: KAFMO will participate in the Northwest Pennsylvania Athletic Field, Turf and Ornamentals Conference March 22 at Allegheny College in Meadville. Topics will include selecting infield mixes; using mushroom soils and composts; and drainage. For more information call Jeff Fowler at 814/437-7607. Contact: Dan Douglas,

emhunter@usa.net.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association:

Contact: Loren Humphrey at: 402/461-2356 or lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey:

Contact: e-mail HQ@sfmanj.org, call 908/730-7770, or visit www.sfmanj.org.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA):

Contact: OSTMA Headquarters at 888/824-9805 or 419/824-9805 or Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, at 419/885-1982 or visit www.ostma.org.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association:

Contact: Bob Christofferson at 206/346-4218 or bchristo@mariners.org.

Southern California Chapter:

Contact: Chapter Hotline at 888/578-7862 or 760/226-8873 or Michael Tarantino at 858/679-2526 or by e-mail:

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South Carolina Chapter of STMA:

Contact: Dr. Trent Hale at 843/662-3526 ext. 206, or by e-mail at tchale@clermson.edu or visit our website at www.scstma.org.

Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:

Contact: Headquarters at 866/TXSTMA1 (866-897-8621), or e-mail T.J. Thompson at: TXturfmanager@prodigy.net.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA):

Contact: Chapter President Chris Pearl at 615/429-9673 or visit www.tvstma.org.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association:

Contact: Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority, via e-mail at Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703/324-8590.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association:

Contact: Chris Brindley at 715/346-3622 or cbrindle@uwsp.edu.

Forming Chapters:

New York Sports Turf Managers Association:

Contact: Mike Albino, 315-468-6225 or 315-427-1214, or email mikealbino@earthlink.net

North Florida STMA Chapter:

Contact: Mark Clay at 904/633-6116 or Jay McCord at 904/448-2583.



Reading Phillies, 610/375-8469, ext. 212 or e-mail kafmo@aol.com.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association:

Contact: www.kystma.org, Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@batsbaseball.com or Donnie Mefford at dbmeff00@email.uky.edu or 859/257-1451.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA):

Contact: Headquarters at 517/712-3407, or go to www.mistma.org.

Minnesota Chapter STMA:

Contact: www.mstma.com, chapter President Greg Hoag at 651/486-8295 or email greg.hoag@metro-inet.us.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association:

Events: March 30 meeting at The Mid America Sports Complex in Shawnee. A panel of specialists will discuss the costs, design, construction and maintenance associated with the new styles of synthetic sports turf. A local architect will discuss the challenges of working with sports field designers and contractors whose performance does not meet expectations. Contact: Paul Hecker at 913/971-9717 or email phecker@olatheks.org.

New England STMA (NESTMA):

Contact: David Pinsonneault at 781/861-2757 or dpinson@ci.lexington.ma.us.

Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:

Contact: Janet Gift at 530/758-4200 or email Emory Hunter at