

New certification brochure available

STMA has a new brochure that outlines the personal and professional benefits you'll realize by becoming a Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM). It outlines the education and experience requirements, explains the testing process and describes the on-going requirements. After reviewing the brochure, you'll know exactly what to expect when seeking and pursuing the CSFM credential. To request a copy of the new brochure, call 1-800-323-3875, or e-mail STMAinfo@STMA.org. The brochure also can be found on line at www.STMA.org on the home page. STMA has also placed the entire certification packet, which includes the application and study references on its website, under the Professionalism Tab.



Legends of the game

The history of STMA is not only about equipment; it's also about the people who first conceived this organization. This photo is taken from one of STMA's early meetings in the early 1980's when those gatherings were with The Park and Grounds Maintenance group operated by Eric Madison.

This was a panel discussion by professional stadium managers featured the legendary Harry "Pops" Gill (first on left), from Milwaukee's County Stadium who was one of the founding members of STMA. Next to him is Steve Wightman, who at the time was in charge of Mile High Stadium in Denver, where the Broncos played as well as a minor league baseball team. Steve is now with Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego. To Steve's left is the late Don Marshall, who had a quick wit and wicked sense of humor. Don was with the Los Angeles Angels at the time, and was a personal friend of legendary Angels owner and actor Gene Autry. Barney Barron, far right, was the Superintendent of Parks and Properties for the City and the County of San Francisco. Candlestick Park was one of the properties he most enjoyed being responsible for. He had a tremendous sense of humor and was generous with



both his time and his stories. These men shared their stories and passed along tricks of the trade, starting a tradition of openness that continues in STMA today.

A time-lapse video made by Don Marshall that showed the 24-hour changeover from baseball to football at Angels Stadium from a roof camera was shown at this seminar. STMA's numbers were small then but friendships were developed that have lasted through lifetimes.

The STMA Historical Committee met in late November for the first time to log and develop the acquired collection of Dr. Kent Kurtz, STMA's first executive director. "Doc", as he was admirably referred to, also served as the association's first Historian, and amassed an amazing collection of document and photographs of the sports turf profession and STMA. Doc's collection included a kind donation from the estate of turf industry pioneer Dr. Fred Grau. In appreciation of Doc's contribution and the generous donation of the Kurtz family to STMA we will be running a monthly account of the people, places, stories, equipment, and photographs that are important to the profession and association. ■

Sports turf managers have also been very creative and innovative in irrigation. According to STMA Past President Steve Wightman, when he was at Mile High Stadium in Denver from the mid-1970's until the mid-1980's, a homemade semi-portable irrigation system was used to supplement the lack of coverage provided by the perimeter irrigation one of the original PAT Systems.