

Chapter News

New Chapter Resources!

New Articles are available for chapters to use in their newsletters and other member communication vehicles. Go to www.STMA.org, click on the Chapter Resources tab, and then Chapter Newsletter Articles.

Chapters now have a good way to share practices that have been successful for their individual chapter and learn from other chapters through Chapter Best Management Practices (BMPs). STMA has created an area on www.STMA.org under Chapter Resources for the BMPs. Currently, there is a BMP on leveraging and building relationships with local and

regional sections of "allied" associations, such as the NRPA, NIAAA, NACDA, Ag Educators, etc. This BMP explains how to contact these organizations; the benefits of collaborating with these organizations; how STMA can help, and an example of a letter to help you begin a dialogue. There is also a BMP on Chapter Membership Recruitment strategies.

To help STMA refine these BMPs and add more ideas to the list, please consider what is working for your chapter and send a quick email to STMAinfo@STMA.org with the following information:

- Chapter Name

- "How to (do what your chapter is successful at doing)"

- Describe your process in sequence, include the resources needed, both financial and personnel, how you measured success, pitfalls to watch out for and tips for success.

Areas to consider developing a BMP about include membership retention, recruitment, sponsorship relationships, hosting field days, conducting workshops, streamlining administration and chapter operations, etc.

STMA Chapter Contacts

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:
www.azstma.com.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA): www.ccstma.org.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:
www.cstma.org.

Florida #1 Chapter: 954/782-2748

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: www.gatewaystma.org.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association:
www.gstma.org.

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

Illinois Chapter STMA: 847/263-7603.

Intermountain Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: www.imstma.org.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: www.iowaturfgrass.org.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Org. (KAFMO/STMA): www.KAFMO.org.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association:
www.kystma.org.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): www.mistma.org.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: www.mstma.org.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association:
www.mokanstma.com.

New England STMA (NESTMA):
www.nestma.org.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association:
402/441-4425.

NEW - North Carolina Chapter of STMA: www.ncsportsturf.org.

North Florida STMA Chapter: 850/580-4026.

Northern California STMA:
www.norcalstma.org.

Ozarks STMA: www.ozarksstma.org.

Sports Turf Managers of New York:
www.stmony.org.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: www.sfmanj.org.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): www.ostma.org.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: www.pnwstma.org.

Southern California Chapter:
www.socialstma.com.

South Carolina Chapter of STMA:
www.scstma.org.

Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:
866/897-8621.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): www.tvstma.org.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association:
www.vstma.org.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association:
www.wstma.org.

Forming Chapters:

Gulf Coast Chapter: 225/757-9136.

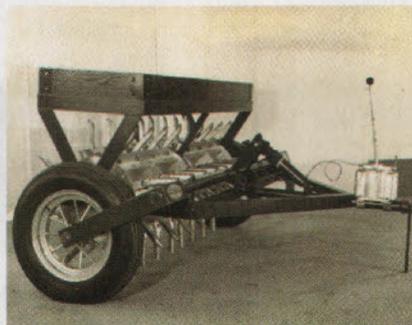
Nevada STMA Chapter: 702/433-3113.

Rebuilding Doc's Dugout

Making the job easier

Since Tom Mascaro invented the first aerifier in 1946, sports turf managers have used the West Point aerifier to relieve compaction on their athletic fields. The original aerifier was a pull behind unit with 1-inch spoons, and a few are still in use today.

Before the invention of the West Point aerifier, pitchforks, hollow tine hand tools and solid steel spikes were used to cultivate soil in key areas like in front of pitcher's mounds. Homemade spikers were also used to loosen the soil in larger spaces such as outfields and football fields. Modern day sports turf managers have a variety of aerification equipment at their disposal to improve soil structure and decrease the effect of wear.



The STMA Historical Committee is logging and developing 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.