

Chapters Highlights

GOOD NEWS!

The former Indiana Chapter of the STMA is being re-established. For more information on how to become active in the reformation of this chapter, contact Joey Stevenson, Indianapolis Indians, at ph. 317-610-1602, or by e-mail, jstevenson@indyindians.com.

THIS MONTH'S PROFILE: THE MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Two Minnesota sports turf managers have been in the local and national spotlight. Mike McDonald at the University of Minnesota and Larry DiVito with the Minnesota Twins. Last fall, the University of Minnesota opened TCF Bank Stadium and this spring, The Minnesota Twins opened Target Field. Both facilities are beautifully maintained.

The Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Association (MSTMA) serves the entire Minnesota sports turf industry. MSTMA focuses on people who are engaged in the construction, maintenance and use of sports turf areas for high quality and safe playing conditions.

MSTMA provides educational grants that promote the sports turf industry, support research and development of superior playing surfaces for sports turf facilities and promotes the development, design and use of related materials and equipment for the sports turf industry.

Here is a summary of their chapter events:

SPRING WORKSHOP: On March 31, MSTMA held a Spring Workshop in conjunction with the Minnesota Park Supervisors Association

(MPSA). This was an educational seminar that also included table displays from vendors.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: In June 2010, the MSTMA provided the labor for a Community Service Project. Each year, MSTMA members spend a day sprucing up a field. This year, the field is a neighborhood baseball/soccer field at Welander Park in the City of Grant, Minn.

CHAPTER CLASH: On July 16-17 members of the MSTMA will play sports turf managers from Iowa in an annual softball game and golf match. The clash host alternates each year between Iowa and Minnesota. In the summer of 2009, Minnesota won the annual softball game 18-17. The host lowans left the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth. The lowans beat MSTMA in golf the next day by winning 8 of 10 matches. The golf format is a 2-person scramble. This year, the Chapter Clash takes place in Woodbury.

TOUR-ON-WHEELS: On August 4, MSTMA members will board a bus and make tour stops at various high schools, fields and parks. The stops take place where recent construction has been done or currently happening.

FALL WORKSHOP: On September 15, the MSTMA and MPSA will host a Fall Workshop at McMurray Fields in St. Paul. Vendors will display equipment on the wide-open fields. This is also a great educational opportunity for anyone involved in the turf industry. All members of MTGF are welcome to attend.

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www.gatewaystma.org.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association:

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

www.stmalabasin.com.

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www.imstma.org.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:

www.iowaturfgrass.org.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association:

www.kystma.org.

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

www.kafmo.org.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA):

www.mistma.org.

Mid Atlantic Sports Turf Managers Association (MASTMA) (formerly the Chesapeake Chapter STMA)

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New England STMA (NESTMA):

www.nestma.org.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey:

www.sfmanj.org.

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www.stmony.org.

North Carolina Chapter of STMA:

www.ncsportsturf.org.

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www.socialstma.com.

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