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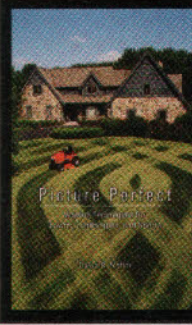
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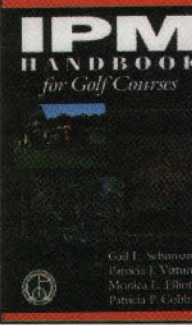


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While the weather may have affected the turnout at the May 27 meeting, it did not dampen the spirits of those who braved the rain. The area was experiencing its 22nd day of rain in the month. Host Mike "Sully" Sullenberger gave tours of Spuhler Field, the 2002 College/University Baseball Field of the Year and, despite the rain, worked in tours of some of the other fields as well. Attendees were able to see first hand the field featured in the April issue of SPORTSTURF.

Sully shared the procedures he had used to deal with almost 2 feet of snow that hit in the spring on the day before a big game and how that allowed the game to go on as scheduled. He also discussed the various factors involved with mowing in the rain, a problem shared by the majority of the attendees. Another challenging issue he presented was the slowing effect of the cool rainy weather on the Bermudagrass growth and transition out of the perennial ryegrass.

The meeting and barbecue were set up in tents adjacent to George Mason University's Stadium that is used for soccer, Club Football, and track and field. The tents were in place in preparation for the upcoming weekend's NCAA Regional Track and Field Finals. So, along with great barbecue, attendees also got a taste of what is involved in hosting such an outstanding event, one of only four across the country.



STMA executive director Steve Trusty was in attendance to speak to the Chapter about activities at National, including the Awards Program, Certification, Conferences, and the SAFE Foundation. Before the General Meeting, Trusty met with the Board to discuss the duties of each Chapter Officer and how they can more effectively interact with each other to provide a strong chapter.

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During the business portion of the meeting, those members in attendance voted unanimously to take the necessary steps to change their name to Chesapeake Chapter STMA. In presenting the recommendation from the Board, Chapter President, Nick Gammill, CSFM, stated, "Chesapeake more accurately describes the geographic area that we will be focusing on and it gives the signal that we are off to a fresh start." MAFMO stood for "Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization."

The soon to be re-named Chesapeake Chapter also plans to work closely with the neighboring Virginia and KAFMO Chapters to schedule events that will complement those Chapters' events and not compete with them.

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Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter is planning a major event for July 11. Morning sessions will be held at St. Norbert College. The afternoon events will be held at the legendary Lambeau Field.

For more information on the Chapter, or other pending events, contact Chris Brindley at 715-346-3622 or cbrindle@uwsp.edu.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: The Minnesota and Iowa Chapters will hold their annual Chapter Clash on July 11-12. This year the events will take place in Minnesota. The MN Chapter's annual Tour on Wheels will be held August

13 and will again incorporate a St. Paul Saints game.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota at tel. 651-638-6075 or e-mail: j-hintz@bethel.edu.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will meet July 15-16 at the University of Virginia. Join the "Tailgate Reception" on July 15 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM for a tour of UV's Scott Stadium and Harrison Field and the Harrison Field reconstruction presentation. Registration for the July 16 Field Day begins at 7:00 AM at Davenport

Field. Educational sessions and demonstrations run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. STMA President, Bob Campbell, CSFM, will be the featured speaker.

For information on the Chapter, or other upcoming events, contact: Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority via e-mail: Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703/324-8590.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): The Chapter will again participate in the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation Field Day July 16.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, con-

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tact MiSTMA Headquarters at 517-712-3407, or email Amy Fouty, University of Michigan, at fouty@umich.edu, or go to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's website.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): The Chapter will meet at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis July 18. In the planning stages is an August event at the Tennessee Titans facility in Nashville.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call Chapter President, Bob Elliott, Tico, at 800-239-9547 or Glenn Lucas at 800-837-8062; email to Glenn@tvstma.org, or visit the chapter's website: www.tvstma.org.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: On July 22, the Chapter will hold The World Famous Lawnmower Man Open at Heritage at the WestMoor Golf Course in Westminster. This is the 9th Annual Tournament sponsored by CSTMA to raise money for the its scholarship fund. Donations of money for hole sponsorship and/or products for the giveaways and auction are always welcome. So, if you can't be there in person, you can be there in spirit by sending your donation. Contact By Hanson at bhanson@jeffco.k12.co.us or call him at 303-215-3428.

The Chapter also has an August event planned at Hughes Stadium of Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website—www.CSTMA.org—or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954, or contact Chapter President Phil McQuade at 303-237-7188 or pmcquade@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): The Chapter will hold its Golf Outing July 22 at Apple Valley Golf Club in collaboration with the OLCA. The Chapter's Fall Field Day 2003 will be held September 9 at the OSU Intramural Complex (Fred Beckman) in Columbus. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 888-824-9805 or 419-824-9805 or Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's website at www.ostma.org.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will participate in the UNL Field Day July 22 beginning a 9:00 AM. Activities will include a tour of the UNL facilities and Haymarket Park and educational sessions with UNL speakers. Lunch will be served at the Memorial Stadium SkyBox. Pre-registration is required.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call Loren Humphrey at: 402-461-2324 or email to lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org.

Florida Chapter # 1: The Chapter will meet at the Seminole Indians in Hollywood July 22. Education will include: Preparing fields for Year-Round Baseball and Irrigation Design for Sports Turf. The Chapter also will participate in the Florida Turfgrass Association Show to be held in Tampa September 8-10. A Sports Turf Tour is scheduled for September 8 with a Free Trade Show Day September 10. For more details on the FTGA show, call FTGA at 800-882-6721 for a brochure. For information on the Chapter, or pending activities, contact John Mascaro at 954-341-3115 or STMA@Turf-Tec.com.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: ISTMA will join in the 2nd Annual "Field Day Classic" benefit golf tournament sponsored by the Iowa Turfgrass Institute. This

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For information on the Iowa Chapter, or upcoming activities, contact Jeff Wendel of The Turf Office at tel. 515-232-8222, or fax 515-232-8228, or e-mail: Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will hold its second Annual Safeco Field Day August 19. Rotating stations will instruct participants in turf management, infield maintenance and facility management. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact in Washington, Jay Warnick at JayW@Seahawks.com or in Oregon, Mike Wagner at MWagner@Oregon.UOregon.edu.



The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter's General Meeting, including the Nominations for 2004 Board members, will be held September 10 at 2:00 PM at Mt. San Antonio College. The speaker for this event will be announced soon. Please note the date of this event has been changed to September 10, rather than September 11, as previously announced.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Steve Dugas, California State University - Fullerton, at 714-278-3929 or email sdugas@fullerton.edu.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter's Fall Field Day will focus on strategies for High Use, Low Budget Fields. It will be held September 10 at Kansas City, Kansas, Parks and Recreation. More details will be announced soon. The Chapter also will meet at the Kansas Speedway and Community America Ballpark from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM October 15. Registration begins at 7:30 AM. This will be a unique opportunity for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Kansas Speedway. Following lunch in the infield garage area, attendees will tour the new Community America Ballpark, home of the Kansas City T-Bones Baseball Club. Look for more details in August.

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Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona: For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra at e-mail: chris@peoriaaz.com or tel. 623-

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Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter's Annual Seminar on Wheels will be held in late August. Please email Emory Hunter at emhunter@usa.net if you have questions or suggestions about this program.

For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter, or pending events, call Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

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Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA): For information on the Chapter, or other pending activities, call the Hotline at 866-818-8873 or email Nick Gammill, CSFM, at ngammill@american.edu.

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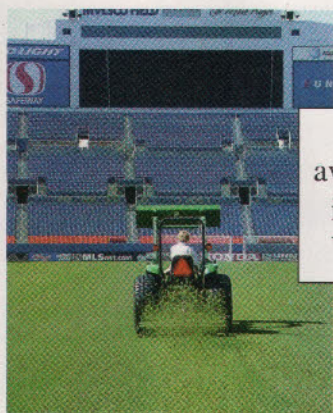
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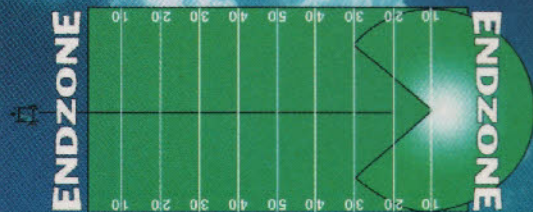
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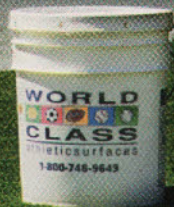


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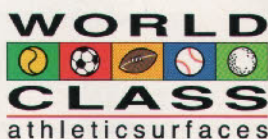
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