

THE EXTRA POINT

STMA NEWS

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I want to thank all of you who have renewed your memberships in STMA. It is through your support that STMA will continue to grow and accomplish its mission of education and improvement of sports turf everywhere.

The Midwest Sports Turf Institute was held at William Rainey Harper College in Rolling Meadows, IL. The educational sessions were very well attended. More than 200 sports turf managers took advantage of the program. The speakers were well-prepared and informative. Keynote speaker Ken Mrock, head groundskeeper for the Chicago Bears, gave us all a good example of what teamwork means in sports turf management.

On behalf of STMA, I would like to thank the committee members who made the Midwest Sports Turf Institute a success. They include George Rokosh, College of Du Page; Mike Schiller, Glenview Park District; Greg Petry, Waukegan Park District; and Chuck Gura, W. R. Harper College. The committee will be meeting this month to lay the foundation for a Midwest chapter of the STMA. I wish them the best of luck.

STMA's next regional institute will be held at the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, MA on September 26, 1989. STMA is working in conjunction with the Professional Grounds Management Society on this, the second institute held at Holy Cross. The program is in the final planning stages. A complete version will be announced in Extra Point as soon as the speakers are confirmed. I hope that many of you from the New England area will plan to attend this event.

WINTER TURF PROTECTION IS FOCUS OF NORTHEAST SPORTS TURF INSTITUTE

Maintenance of sports fields during the winter is the focus of the second annual Northeast Sports Turf Institute scheduled for Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, on Tuesday, September 26.

The one-day program, cosponsored by the Sports Turf Managers Association and the Professional Grounds Management Society, will include educational sessions, exhibits and equipment demonstrations. The Northeast Chapter of PGMS will be hosting the event.

"The institute will provide information on winter turf protection vital to managers of athletic fields, sports complexes, and large and small turfgrass areas," said James Long, head groundskeeper at Holy Cross and president of the Northeast Chapter of STMA. "It is a new subject for the institute, but one we must face every winter in the Northeast."

Educational sessions will cover innovations using today's technology to protect sports turf surfaces. They include

preparing athletic turf for winter, use of gypsum to compensate for salt damage, preventing damage from snow removal equipment, and avoiding damage from ice storms.

"I encourage everyone responsible for turf areas in the Northeast to attend the seminar," Long urged. "It is an excellent professional opportunity to learn from the experts and to see the latest equipment available from industry suppliers and distributors. But, most of all, it is a unique opportunity for sports turf managers to share their problems and solutions so that we can all advance in our profession."

Contact Ginnie Scharfman at STMA headquarters or Allan Shulder at PGMS headquarters for registration information. Shulder can be reached at 12 Galloway Avenue, Suite 1E, Cockeysville, MD 21030, (301) 667-1833.

NEW YORK OFFERS SECOND SPORTS TURF SEMINAR

The second New York State Turfgrass Association summer seminar will be held July 25, at Doubleday Field, Cooperstown, NY. Entitled, Sports Turf Manager: Field of the Future, the program will focus on sports turf liability, safety and maintenance. The seminar is being held in conjunction with the New York State Association for Superintendents of School Buildings and Grounds, New York State Athletic Administrators Association and Cornell Cooperative Extension of the Capital District and Central New York.

Featured speakers include Dr. Donald Waddington, Penn State University, noted expert on field surface conditions and their relationship to safety, a representative for the Yankee organization and a liability insurance expert.

The afternoon session will feature John Liburdi, head groundskeeper, Heritage Park, Colonie, NY, STMA member and winner of the 1987 Best Baseball Diamond of the Year Award. He will discuss his experiences and ideas on sports turf maintenance. Dominic Morales, associate professor of horticulture at the State University of New York in Delhi, will address turfgrass identification, field renovation and pest control. He will integrate current research findings and maintenance procedures.

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September 26 - Northeastern Sports Turf Institute
College of Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.

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