

Chapter STMA. Announcements of the chapter's upcoming events will be released soon.

For information on chapter activities, call Hoops at (816) 436-2200 or Jack Schwarz at (816) 792-2808 or (800) 344-8873.

Minnesota STMA. The Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Association is one of eight "green industry" member Associations of the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation that are cooperating in the conference scheduled for December 7-9 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The chapter's annual meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on December 8 at the Convention Center. Meeting highlights include the election of officers and committee assignments for 1995, as well as a "preview" of coming events. Details will be announced soon.

A Sports Turf Seminar, sponsored by Turf Supply Company of Eagan, MN, is scheduled for November 29, 8 a.m. to noon. The meeting location will be announced soon. This seminar will focus on interpreting soil sample results and examination of infield mixes. For more details on this seminar, contact John or Rick at (612) 454-3106.

For information about the conference, call Scott Turtinen of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association, (612) 473-0557.

For information about the chapter, the annual meeting or future chapter activities, call: Tom Rudberg, (612) 962-6545; Mike McDonald, (612) 625-6097; or Brian Deyak, (612) 255-7223.

New England Chapter STMA. For information about the chapter or its upcoming activities, call Mary Owen, University of Massachusetts, (508) 892-0382.

Southern California Chapter STMA. For information on the Southern California Chapter, or its upcoming activities, call Chris Bunnell, (619) 350-9340.

Colorado Chapter STMA. For more information on the chapter or its future activities, call Joe Adams, (303) 350-9340.

Organic Dust Warning

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) warns of a risk for developing organic dust toxic syndrome (ODTS), a common respiratory illness that may follow exposure to organic dust contaminated with microorganisms. Workers are typically exposed to this dust when shoveling or moving organic materials such as composted leaves.

An estimated 30- to 40 percent of workers exposed to organic dust will

develop the disease. The syndrome is characterized by fever occurring four to 12 hours after exposure, and flu-like symptoms such as general weakness, headache, chills, body aches and cough. The disease may also bring on a shortness of breath, impaired pulmonary function, and increased white-blood-cell count.

The symptoms usually disappear within 24 hours to a few days after the worker is removed from the exposure.



Is Your Field the Best in the Country? Does Your Research Program Deserve Recognition?

If you would like to offer a nomination for the **STMA 1994 Awards, *now is the time.***

STMA recognizes that sports turf managers make personal and professional contributions to our industry and the organization they serve. We encourage you to participate in the awards program. **STMA's** 1994 Awards Program is open to all interested parties.

This year, the following awards will be bestowed at the:

STMA Annual Awards Banquet,

February 6, 1995 in Bradenton, Florida:

- ✓ **STMA/Beam Clay/sportsTURF Baseball Diamond of the Year Awards**
- ✓ **STMA Football Field of the Year Award**
- ✓ **STMA Soccer Field of the Year Award**
- ✓ **STMA Excellence in Research Award**

Municipal, College and Professional categories are offered for each Field of the Year award. All nomination material must be submitted in accordance with the procedures outlined for each award. The awards committee will judge information submitted by the nominator. All nominations must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, November 30, 1994.

For questions or nomination forms contact:

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