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STMA Chapter News

Congratulations to the Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Association - it is now an official STMA affiliated chapter!

Minnesota Chapter: MSTMA's second Workshop on Wheels has been set for Tuesday, July 16, in conjunction with a St. Paul Saints game. For information on the workshop, the Minnesota Chapter or other upcoming activities, contact: Brian Deyak at (612) 255-7223.

Iowa Chapter: Special reminder: the Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association (ISTMA) will hold a Soccer/Football Facility Workshop at the Dubuque Soccer Complex on June 4 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Morning sessions begin at 9 a.m. and include the following: Volunteerism; Soil Sampling and How to Tailor a Fertilizer Program to Test Results; Football/Soccer Field Use Management; Aeration Explanation and Demonstration; and Topdressing Explanation and Demonstration. The noon break features lunch with the vendors and the official opening of the demonstration area. Afternoon activities include the following: Mowing Techniques and Demonstration; Irrigation Alternatives; Seeding/Overseeding Practices and Demonstration; and The Safety Inventory and Its Importance.

For more information on this meeting, the Iowa Chapter or other upcoming activities contact: Lori Westrum at The Turf Office at (515) 232-8222 (phone) or (515) 232-8228 (fax).

Florida Chapter #1: Special reminder: the Florida Chapter will meet on May 21 at Joe Robbie Stadium. Meeting topics will include the field's prescription athletic turf (P.A.T.) system. The field will be set up for baseball, and a tour of the facility will be provided. Meeting host is Alan Sigwardt, sports turf manager of Joe Robbie Stadium.

New: the Florida Chapter will meet on July 16 at the Orange Bowl, site of Olympic Trials Soccer. Meeting host is Dale Sandin, Orange Bowl sports turf manager.

For more information on these meetings, the Florida Chapter, and other pending activities, contact: John Mascaro (305) 938-7477.

Midwest Chapter: Special reminder: the Midwest Chapter's next meeting is scheduled for May 22 at South Park of the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District in Park Ridge, IL. The central theme is turf irrigation systems. Industry experts will discuss the pros and cons of different irrigation systems and methods.

Training with the Bears is planned for Wednesday, July 24, at the Chicago Bears Training Facility in Lake Forest, IL. The meeting will include a tour of the new state-of-the-art training facility.

For more information on these meetings, the Midwest Chapter or other upcoming events, call: The Chapter Hotline (847) 439-4727.

Colorado Chapter: CSTMA will be holding its Summer Seminar on June 5 at Coors Field in Denver, CO. Educational sessions will be held in the morning followed by field tours in the afternoon. Seminar host is Mark Razum, head groundskeeper of the Colorado Rockies' Coors Field.

CSTMA also will hold a Mid-Summer Seminar on July 12 in Grand Junction, CO. For information on these seminars, the Colorado Chapter or other upcoming events, call the 24-Hour CSTMA Chapter Hotline/FAX: (303) 438-9645 and leave a message, or contact: Troy Smith, Denver Broncos, at (303) 649-9000.

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Southern California Chapter and upcoming activities, contact: Chris Bunnell at (619) 432-2421.

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Arizona: The newly forming Arizona Chapter has already held two meetings. For more information on the Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona, on upcoming events or to find out how you can get involved, contact: Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Department, at (602) 994-7954.

Kansas: A new chapter is developing in Kansas. The group is meeting regularly on the last Wednesday of each month. A mid-September seminar is in the planning stages. The same seminar format will be repeated during the designated week at different sites across the state - starting in east Kansas and then moving on to central and west Kansas locations. For more information on monthly meetings, the September seminars - and especially to get involved - contact: Mark Schimming of Wichita Baseball, Inc. at (316) 292-2907, extension 205.

Mark Your Calendars

The 1997 STMA Conference and Exhibition will be held January 15-19, 1997, in Colorado Springs, CO. More details will be announced soon!

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