

North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:

The North Texas Chapter will participate in the Texas Turfgrass Association Institute & Trade Show to be held December 17-19, 2001, in Fort Worth, Texas.

For information on the North Texas Chapter, or pending activities, call Kayla McAfee at 972-234-6584 or Rene Aspiron at 972-647-3393, or visit the website at www.ntstma.org.

South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:

The South Texas Chapter will participate in the Texas Turfgrass Association Institute & Trade Show to be held December 17-19, 2001, in Fort Worth, Texas. The Chapter will hold a luncheon, business meeting, and election of its 2002 officers on Monday, December 17th of the Conference. Reservations can be made in conjunction with the Texas Turfgrass Association registration package. If you will not be attending the Winter Conference, but wish to attend the Chapter event, please make reservations through Tom McAfee or Pat Searight at the numbers listed below.

For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, call Tom McAfee, Nelson Wolff Municipal Stadium, San Antonio, at 210-207-3754, or Pat Searight at 254-718-4421.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: The Nebraska Chapter will participate in the 2002 Nebraska Turfgrass Conference to be held January 7 - 9, 2002, at the Holiday Inn Central in Omaha, Nebraska.

For information on the Nebraska Chapter, or upcoming events, call Gregg Bostelman, City of Grand Island, at 308-385-5426.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association:

WSTMA will participate in the Wisconsin Turfgrass and Greenscape EXPO to be held at the Marriott, Madison West, January 8 to 10, 2002.

For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, call Richard Miller at 608-756-1150.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Iowa Chapter will participate in the 68th Iowa Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show to be held January 28 - 30, 2002, at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines, Iowa. The Sports Turf Workshop is scheduled for 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on January 28. On the program are: Mike Andresen, CSFM, presenting "Budget & Record Keeping; Kevin Vos, CSFM, on Reducing Soccer Field Wear; Ted Thorn, Julie Smith, Ken Hanawalt, and Dr. Dave Minner presenting Construction Case Studies, and Dr. Tony Koski presenting Soil Testing & Interpretation and Tips for Healthy Roots. The Tuesday afternoon Sports Turf session includes: Dr. Joe Vargas on Disease Management and Thatch Control; Bob Campbell, CSFM, with a Show and Tell presentation and the ISTMA Annual Meeting. The Wednesday morning Sports Turf Session includes: Bob Campbell, CSFM, presenting Survival Tips for Groundskeepers; Nick Gow on Low Budget Renovation; and representatives from KCCI-TV8 on Living with Mother Nature.

For information on the Iowa Chapter, or upcoming

activities, contact Lori Westrum of The Turf Office at tel. 515-232-8222, or fax 515-232-8228, or e-mail: Lori@iowaturfgrass.org.

Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers

Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA): The MAFMO Chapter will participate in the Maryland Turfgrass 2002 Conference and Trade Show to be held January 29 - 30, 2002, at the Baltimore Convention Center in downtown Baltimore, Maryland.

For information on the MAFMO Chapter, or pending activities, call the Hotline at 410-290-5652.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization

(KAFMO/STMA): The Sixth Annual KAFMO/PRPS Athletic Field Conference will be held from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm on February 15, 2002 in Grantville, PA. Educational sessions include: "Professionalism and Certification for the Sports Turf Manager," presented by STMA Executive Director Steve Trusty; "Brownfield to Greenfield Sports Complex," by Greg Petry, Executive Director of the Waukegan Illinois Park District; "The National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP)," by Kevin Morris, NTEP Executive Director; "Comprehensive Risk Management for Parks, Recreation and Sports Fields," by Greg Petry; and "Cultural Approaches to Disease Control," by Dr. Mike Fidanza Penn State University.

For information on the KAFMO/STMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at tel. 610-375-8469, ext. 212; or e-mail to: kafmo@aol.com.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association

(OSTMA): OSTMA has awarded its scholarships for 2001. The recipients are: John Torres, Owens Community College student - the \$500 Profile Products/OSTMA Education Scholarship; Matt Grosjean, Owens Community College student - the \$500 OSTMA Educational Scholarship; Todd Rinehart, Ohio State University student - the \$500 OSTMA Educational Scholarship; and Aaron Weiskittle, Grounds Supervisor at Sylvania Recreation Corporation - the \$500 OSTMA National Conference Scholarship. The Chapter extends congratulations to all these scholarship recipients.

For information on the OSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 740-452-4541 or Boyd Montgomery at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's website at www.glstma.org.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:

For information on the chapter, or other upcoming events, contact Bill Murphy, Recreation and Facilities Manager, City of Scottsdale Park, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or tel. 480-312-7954.

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Southern California Chapter, or pending activities, call Ron Kirkpatrick at 858-453-1755.

Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter, or pending events, call Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Colorado Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website—www.CSTMA.org—or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954.

Florida Chapter #1: For information on the Florida Chapter, or pending activities, call John Mascaro at 954-341-3115.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Gateway Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jim Anthony, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, at 314-977-2956.

Indiana Chapter: For information on the Indiana Chapter, or pending activities, call Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at 219-356-8424.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): For information on the Chapter or other pending events, call Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools, at 616-738-6974, or go to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's new website.

Midwest Chapter STMA: For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, call The Chapter Hotline at 847-622-3517.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Ron Unger, Director of Parks & Recreation, City of Kasson, at tel. 507-634-4165 or e-mail: ParkNRec@CityofKasson.com.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Trevor Vance at 816-504-4271; Gary Custis at 816-460-6215; or Jody Gill at 913-239-4121.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: For information on the New Jersey Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jim Gavigan, Lesco, at 732-248-8979; or call Eleanora Murfitt, at 908-236-9118; e-mail to SFMANJCHAPTER@netscape.net.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): For information on the TVSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc., at 931-380-0023 or 800-837-8062.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Virginia Chapter, or upcoming events, contact: Chapter Vice President, Randy Buchanan, County of Henrico Recreation and Parks, via e-mail: buc06@co.henrico.va.us or at tel. 804-261-8213.

Chapters On The Grow

Las Vegas: With the STMA Annual Conference & Exhibition headed for Las Vegas January 16-20, 2002, plans for the formation of a Las Vegas Chapter also are

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moving forward. For more information on the developing chapter, please contact Rod Smith, Grounds Manager/Cashman Center at e-mail: rms@lveva.com or at tel. 702-386-7140.

New York: A chapter is forming in Central New York. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the National Soccer Hall of Fame. For more information, contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, at e-mail: Kevin@wpe.com or at tel. 607-432-2953. **ST**

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to reach your 70% sand goal is 11.4 cents per sq.ft. Continue to core after you have reached this goal. Additional topdressing can be added as needed to cover seed, fill holes, manage thatch, or smooth the surface.

A topdressing and coring calculator is located at www.aggierturf.tamu.edu/calculators/topdress-sheet.html. to help you develop your own topdressing and coring program. Inorganic amendments such as Turface can also be used in combination with coring to improve the porosity and initial infiltration of water. Another added benefit of topdressing with water absorbing amendments like Turface and Axis is that they create a drier playing surface, especially when worn turf results in exposed soil.

The take-home message here is to start an aggressive coring and sand topdressing program-it definitely will not increase the hardness of your native soil field. After 3 years of topdressing you will be surprised at the amount of sand that has been added and the improvement in the playing surface. I'll go to my grave preaching topdressing with sand and other amendments. In fact, the grounds manager that takes care of my plot on the 50-yd. line had better poke lots of holes in the ground and dust me with at least 70% sand by weight. A little Turface wouldn't hurt either. **ST**