

Second Annual Regional Chapter Workshop A Success



Brian Gimbel, head sports turf manager for Ohio State University, explains the features of Ohio Stadium (football) during the OSTMA and STMA 2nd Annual Regional Chapter Workshop.

The Second Annual Regional Chapter Workshop was presented jointly by the Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association and the national Sports Turf Managers Association. Attendees from across the region gathered on July 18 at Ohio State University to share in a day of education, touring and networking.

Attendees met at the University's Bill Davis Baseball Stadium to pick up their registration information and exchange greetings while enjoying coffee, juice and donuts. Darian Daily, OSTMA president and head sports turf manager for the Columbus Crew Soccer Stadium opened the morning events with a welcome.

Brian Gimbel, head sports turf manager for the Ohio State University Athletic Fields and his staff then conducted "show and tell" tours of the Bill Davis Stadium, the Jesse Owens Track and Soccer Complex, and the OSU Softball Field.

The group then boarded a bus for the trip to the OSU Football Stadium. Upon arrival, attendees moved in the Stadium's Recruitment Room. STMA executive director Steve Trusty gave a presentation on "Professionalism and Certification," and updated the group about STMA activities and programs. Murray Cook, STMA president-elect, and then president of Global Stadium Services (now president of Brickman Sportsturf Services) gave a presentation on "Baseball Worldwide," sharing his experiences in baseball field preparation for global events, including the Olympics. He compared the differences in the overseas and US programs in terms of equipment

and materials availability. He also pointed to the similarities in dedication to field quality and player safety, making the best possible outcome with the resources at hand.

Following a box lunch and networking session, the group moved to the OSU Football Stadium. Gimbel explained the extensive system developed to restrain the waters from the high water table and adjacent river made even more critical with the lowering of the level of the playing field and expansion of seating capacity. A key feature of these tours is that, at each site, attendees have the opportunity to view the field and maintenance facilities and ask questions.

Next, it was back to the bus for the trip to the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Research Center. Here the group moved first into the research building and then out to the fields as each of the researchers explained the details and status of their ongoing projects.

The group again traveled by bus, this time to Cooper Stadium where head sports turf manager Jeff Limburg guided the tour of the facility.

The final site of the day was the Crew Stadium and a facilities tour conducted by Darian Daily and his staff. Daily had made arrangements for attendees to have dinner at the Crew Hospitality Tent and stay for the evening's game, schedules permitting. The group that remained had a great time munching, networking, watching pro level soccer, and laughing at the "Bobbing for Brats" halftime entertainment.

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Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: The Iowa Chapter will hold a Baseball/Soccer Workshop and Vendor Show at Upper Iowa University in Fayette on October 9. Topics include: "Putting Your Field To Bed for the Season," presented by Dr. Dave Minner of ISU; "Fertility and Soil Sampling," by Gary Peterson; "Field Painting," by Kevin Vos of the Muscatine Soccer Complex; "Aerification & Topdressing," by Bryan Wood of Commercial Turf & Tractor; and "Homemade Tools," by Ken Hanawalt of Rockwell-Swaledale Schools. 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.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: Wisconsin Chapter members will participate in the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association (WTA) Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tourney

at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva on October 10. For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, call Richard Miller at 608-756-1150.

Florida Chapter #1: The Florida Chapter is planning an Irrigation Seminar in at Holiday Park in Ft. Lauderdale on October 16. The Chapter will again take part in the annual Turf Rodeo. This year's event will be held at Deerfield Beach on November 7. A meeting in the Village of Pinecrest is scheduled for December 5. For information on the Florida Chapter, or pending activities, call John Mascaro at 954-341-3115.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: The MO-KAN Chapter is planning a Sports Facilities Tour for October 24. Details will be announced soon. For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Trevor Vance at 816-

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504-4271; Gary Custis at 816-460-6215; or Jody Gill at 913-239-4121.

Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA): The MAFMO Chapter Design and Construction Seminar, originally planned for August 24, will now be held on October 25 at the Radisson Hotel in Annapolis, MD. For information on the MAFMO Chapter, or pending activities, call the Hotline at 410-290-5652.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: The Nebraska Chapter is planning an October meeting at Haymarket Park in Lincoln, Nebraska, the new home of the University of Nebraska Huskers Baseball Team and Northern League Saltdogs. For information on the Nebraska Chapter, or upcoming events, call Gregg Bostelman, City of Grand Island, at 308-385-5426.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): OSTMA is accepting scholarship and Field of the Year nominations until October 1, 2001. OSTMA will participate in the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Conference held at the Columbus Convention Center from December 3-6, 2001. Featured will be a special Sports Turf Track and vendor displays with products for the sports turf manager. For information on the OSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Joe Zelinko at 800-

897-9714 or Boyd Montgomery at 419-885-1982, ext. 50; or visit the chapter's website at www.glstma.org.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: The Colorado Chapter is planning a Fall Turf Day at the new Invesco Field at Mile High. More details will be announced soon. 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.

Midwest Chapter STMA: Upcoming events for the Midwest Chapter include a Fall workshop at the Lincolnshire Sports Complex in October, and the annual North Central Turf Expo at Pheasant Run Resort in December in conjunction with the Illinois Turf Foundation and the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association. For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, call The Chapter Hotline at 847-622-3517.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): The Tennessee Valley Chapter is planning a fall workshop in Jackson and a November meeting in Bowling Green, Kentucky. More details on these events will be announced soon. For information on the TVSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc., at 931-380-0023 or 800-837-8062.

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.

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.

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

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Gateway Chapter, or upcoming events, call Mark Jennings at 314-983-5345; or 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.

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

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.

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.

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, Director, Township of Clinton Parks & Recreation Department, at 908-735-5999.

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

South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: The South Texas Chapter is planning an event for early October. More details will be announced soon. For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, call Tom McAfee, Nelson Wolff Municipal Stadium, San Antonio, at 210-207-3754.

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.

Mid-South Chapter STMA: For information on the Mid-South Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Robert Bodi at e-mail: TURF419@aol.com or Jim Calhoun at tel. 901-755-1305.

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

New York: The forming Central New York Chapter is participating in the Winning Fields Seminar to be held on September 19 at the National Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, NY. The New York State Turfgrass Association is sponsor of this event. Registration and the Trade Show begin at 7:00 AM; educational sessions at 7:30 AM. Meeting events end at 3:30 PM, followed by an optional tour of The National Soccer Hall of Fame.

Sessions include: "Challenges at The National Soccer Hall of Fame," presented by Kevin Meredith; "The Value of Soil Testing and Understanding Fertilization Basics," by Joann Gruttadaurio of Cornell University; "A game of Inches (and Ounces) – Rotary Spreader Calibration," by Dominic Morales of SUNY Delhi; "Turfgrass Selection for Sports Fields," by Dr. Frank Rossi of Cornell University; "Become a Sports Field Sherlock Homes," by Dr. Rossi; "Irrigation and Water Management," by Ted Kamath of S. V. Moffett Co., Inc. and Dominic Morales; "Sports Field Details," by Brian Wimble of SUNY Albany and Kevin Meredith; and "Sports Turf Soil Management," by Dr. Rossi. For information on this program, contact: NYSTA at 800-873-8873 or e-mail: nysta@nysta.org. For more information on the forming chapter, contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, at e-mail: Kevin@wpe.com or at tel. 607-432-2953.

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