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Association of Arizona: For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Darin Budak, CSFM at e-mail: dbudak@goodyearaz.gov or call 623/882-7616 or David Oropeza, at e-mail: doropeza@cityofnogalez.net or 520/285-5781.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA

(formerly called Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA): Glenn Sweet of Landon School in Bethesda, MD, has been elected the new president of the Chapter. His email address is glenn_sweet@landon.net. For information contact Graham Davis at gdavis@american.edu or call 301/495-5522.

Colorado Sports Turf

Managers Association: The CSTMA's 12th annual Lawnmower Man Open will be held at Heritage @ WestMoor in Westminster, CO July 18, with an 8:00 am shotgun start. For more information visit www.cstma.org or call 303/346-8954 or President Ken Norkosky at 720/427-4174, or email knorkosk@auroragov.org.

Florida #1 Chapter: The next Chapter meeting will be on July 25 at the Orange Bowl in Miami. For information visit the Florida #1 Chapter page on STMA's website or contact John Mascaro at 954/341-3115 or STMA@turf-tec.com.

Gateway Chapter Sports

Turf Managers Association: The MVTA meeting will be July 11 in Columbia, MO. August 9 is the Multi-field Maintenance Field Day at Lutheran High School South. Lunch courtesy of Munie Outdoor Services. For information contact Mark Vessell at 636/940-7776 or e-mail ves-sel@slysa.org, or Frank Schaffer at 636/940-7776.

Georgia Sports Turf

Managers Association: For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Skip Kirby at 770/928-1580 or by e-mail at skip@sportsturfmanagement.com.

The Greater L.A. Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:

For more information on the Chapter or upcoming events call Carol Gundlach, CSFM at 909/594-5611 ext. 5174 or e-mail cgundlach@mtsac.edu.

Illinois Chapter (formerly

Midwest Chapter) STMA: For information on the Illinois Chapter or upcoming events call chapter secretary Libby Baker at 847/263-7603 or e-mail Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers

Association: For information on the Chapter or upcoming activities visit www.iowaturfgrass.org or contact Jeff Wendel, CGCS of The Turf Office at 515/232-8222 or fax 515/232-8228 or e-mail Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

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Kentucky Sports Turf

Managers Association: The July 2006 field day is July 27-28 at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. For information go to www.kystma.org or contact Tom Nielsen at 502/212-2287 or by email at t Nielsen@batsbaseball.com or Aaron Boggs at Aboggs@batsbaseball.com.

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Minnesota Chapter STMA:

For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, visit the Chapter website at www.mstma.org or contact chapter President Tom Adamini at 952/953-2420 or by e-mail at tadamini@ci.apple-valley.mn.us.

MO-KAN Sports Turf

Managers Association: The MU Field Day is July 11 in Columbia, MO. For information on the MO-KAN Chapter or upcoming events, contact Jody Gill at 913/239-4121 or by e-mail at jgill@bluevalleyk12.org.

New England STMA (NEST-

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Nebraska Sports Turf

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information on the Nebraska Chapter or upcoming events, contact Jennifer Roeber at 402/441-4425 or by e-mail at jenr@saltdogs.com.

Sports Turf Managers of New

York: There will be a joint organizational meeting at Genessee Community College July 20 to discuss what has been accomplished to date, network and organize committee members, and have a short educational session. Please reply by July 14. We would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Tim Landers at Genessee for hosting. Respond via e-mail to JGAFFNEY@RHNET.ORG, or send to John at Rush Henrietta Schools, 1133 Lehigh Station Rd. Henrietta, NY 14467. Questions, please call John at 585/359-5375 or Roger at 315/457-0181, ext. 25. For information on the Chapter contact Mike Albino at 315/468-6225 or (c) 315/427-1214 or mikealbino@earthlink.net or Kevin Meredith at 607/287-6609 or kimeredith@earthlink.net.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey:

For information call SFMANJ at 908/730-7770, e-mail HQ@sfmanj.org or visit the Chapter website at www.sfmanj.org.

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STMA Chapter News

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: The WSU/OSU annual Field Day will be held July 25 at. The event will be at the research facility, 15403 Bowman Hilton Rd. Puyallup, WA. 98372. The day is filled with educational stops put on by OSU, WSU Puyallup and Pullman turfgrass/crops and soils departments. The WSU Board of Regents have decided to name Farm Five (WSU - Puyallup's Research Farm) after Roy and Marcella Goss who have been very generous with WSU and the Turf program. Come be a part of the dedication for Roy and Marcella and listen to turf professionals from the Pacific Northwest. BBQ lunch from Sumner's famous Branks BBQ! Mmmmm good! Registration will be through WSU Puyallup. Cost is yet to be determined. For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Matt Johns at 253/445-4538 or mjjohns@puyallup.wsu.edu.

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Southern California Chapter or pending activities, contact Michael Tarantino at 858/679-2526 or by e-mail at MTarantino@powayusd.com.

South Carolina Chapter of STMA: The SCSTMA Sports Turf Demo Day will be July 18 at the Hendrix Street P&R Complex in Lexington. The event is open to all SCSTMA sponsors to demonstrate sports turf equipment and supplies. Admission is FREE based on membership and lunch is sponsored by Greenville Turf and Tractor. The event begins at 8am. For more information see the SCSTMA website or contact Bruce Suddeth at 864/503-5514 or by e-mail at BSuddeth@uscupstate.edu. The Clemson Summer Sports Turf Institute will be June 12 - 16. This event is to be held at P&A Building at Clemson. For further information please contact Dr. Haibo Liu at 864/656-6367 or by e-mail at HaiboL@clemson.edu. For

information on the Chapter contact Bruce Suddeth at 864/503-5514 or by e-mail at bsuddeth@uscupstate.edu for more information or visit our website at www.scstma.org.

Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Texas Chapter contact T. J. Thompson, President-Elect at txturfmanager@lsc.com.net or 972/670-2138 (m).

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): The East Tennessee Field day will be held August 10 in conjunction with the University of Tennessee/ Knoxville Turf Day. For information call President, Al Ray at 931/388-0303 or by e-mail at ARay@maurycounty-tn.gov.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Virginia Chapter or upcoming events, please contact VSTMA President Bob Studholme of the

Fairfax County Park Authority at 703/324-8590 or robert.studholme@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: The WTA-WSTMA Field Day is Tuesday, August 1st, at The Noer Center in Verona, WI. For information contact Chris Brindley at 715/346-3622 or cbrindle@uwsp.edu.

FORMING CHAPTERS:

North Florida STMA Chapter: For information on the newly forming North Florida Chapter, contact Mark Clay at 904/633-6116 or Jay McCord at 904/448-2583.

Idaho STMA: For information, contact Greg Liggett, at 208/496-2421 or email him at liggett@byui.edu.

Nevada STMA Chapter: For information, contact Corey Angelo at 702/433-3113 or by e-mail at sls654ASCM@lesco.com. ■

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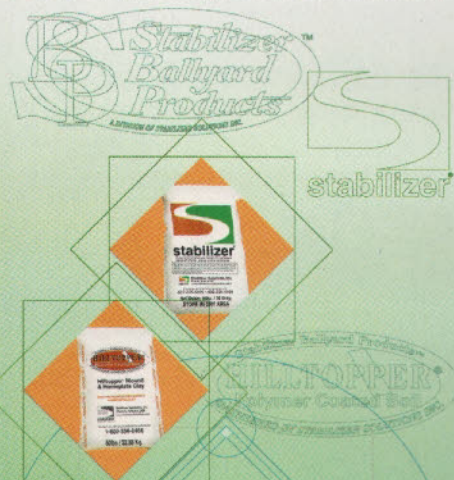
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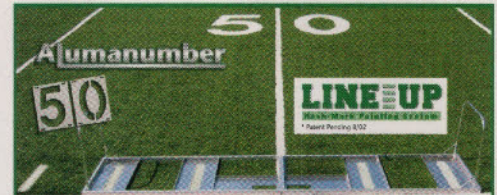


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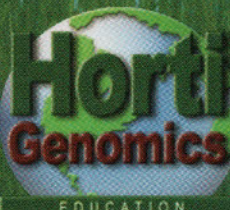
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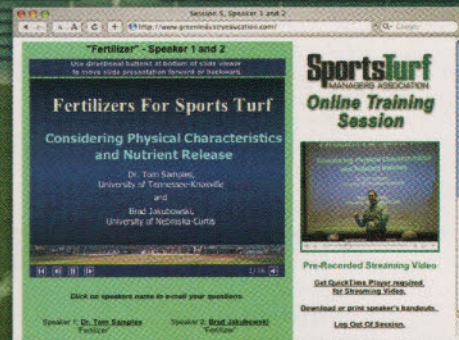
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Lesson #11: **Keep records for ALL field activities/events and develop a field rating system.** The only way to convince administrators and field user groups that you are experiencing too much traffic to maintain reasonable grass is to provide them with solid information about traffic levels and field performance. Sensible information that relates field activity to field conditions usually gets a reduction or rotation in activity or more resources to manage the excessive traffic; both will have a positive impact on your field management program. The message here is quit crying about field over-use and work with those involved to develop a reasonable plan for effective change. Here is more information on counting events/activities and rating your fields.

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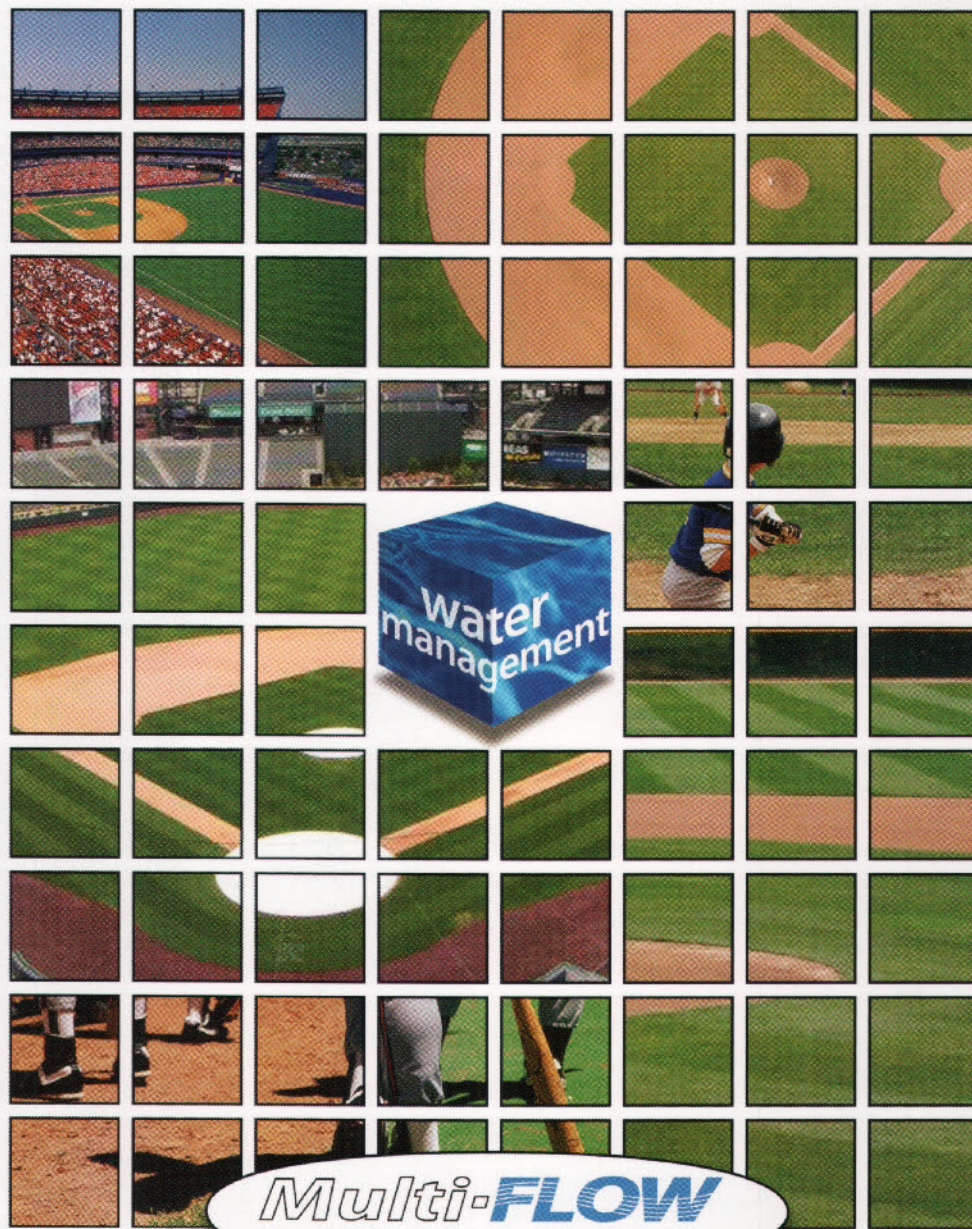
Lesson #12: Concentrate your resources by implementing a site specific management program. Identify high traffic areas on each field and concentrate resources on those areas to provide a better return on your investment. High traffic areas of a football field (10,000 sq.ft. center plus sidelines) that require more resources are usually 6 to 10 times smaller than the entire area in and around the field (60,000 to 100,000 sq.ft). If you are treating the entire field area with one management program then you can reduce input from lower traffic areas and increase input on higher traffic areas. High traffic areas require additional coring, seeding, fertility, topdressing, and specific herbicides that don't harm seedling turf. Amendments such as sand, calcined clay, compost, and crumb rubber are affordable if you concentrate your resources to manage the "field within your field."

Lesson #13: Rotate activity on overused fields. Develop a program where one or more fields are completely taken out of play for at least 1 year. Impossible you say? Then try this approach: Identify your fields that are

overused. As an example, let's use four soccer fields that are intensely used spring and fall. All attempts at coring, drill seeding, and other reestablishment practices have not produced acceptable grass cover because there has not been a sufficient period of time for grass to reestablish and mature. Take time to explain to parents, coaches, and others that this 1-year period of rest is important so that a field can be used continuously for the next 3 or 4 years.

Don't announce at the beginning of the soccer season that you want to renovate a field and that it won't be available for play. Get involved instead in scheduling for the entire soccer league. Find out when they have their first meeting so that you can present your plan for providing a safer facility by removing one field each year for renovation. Try not to accept any period less than 1 year for resting the field. Explain that 95% grass cover may occur 2 months after seeding but it will take at least 1 year for plants to produce enough biomass to form a protective mat of grass that is more traffic tolerant and shock absorbing. Insist that a game schedule for next season be produced without using the field that will be rested for renovation. Once the schedule has been set without using the "rested" field then you're home free. If you approach the planning committee after the game/practice schedules are set, they will be reluctant to change the schedule to rest a field. Next year repeat the process; play on three fields and rest one field. This 3-year rotation will improve the playing conditions of all fields.

Sodding is preferred when reestablishing the "rested" field. Don't compromise the renovation process by sodding and then allowing play before the full 1-year rest period is over. Stick with the plan so that your committee can develop a consistent policy for game and field scheduling. Take a positive approach by letting the committee know that they will be directly affecting field conditions by using their expertise to make the schedule work with one less field. Acknowledge that their dollars spent on seed, coring, and other materials will be more effective since the "rested" field won't wear out as fast as the others. Avoid using the comment, "It will sure make my job easier," since some may perceive that to be a sign of laziness. What is actually meant is that your time and resources spent on renovation will be the same, but the field performance will be substantially improved. ■



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