



# Old and New



Wisconsin Turfgrass Field Day attendees inspect home plate and pitcher's mound demonstration plots at O. J. Noer Turfgrass Research & Education Facility. Courtesy: STMA

**A**ugust 4, the Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Association held its fifth annual Workshop on Wheels. The day was filled with education, idea exchanges, and lots of fun. Highlights of the tour included the following:

- A tour of the Minnesota Vikings practice facility in Mankato included a pre-season peek at the team in action.
- The group toured the first-rate softball complex at Caswell Park.
- In St. Peter, attendees toured Gustavus Adolphus College to see how the facility recovered from tornado damage of a year ago. Acres of turf filled with shredded glass presented a unique challenge for the grounds crew.
- A tour of the new Pat Paterson Fields of Hamline University in St. Paul provided a bonus stop.
- A tailgate party at Midway Stadium wrapped-up the day's events. Some participants extended the day by attending a St. Paul Saints game.

For the first time August 10, the Wisconsin Chapter joined other Green Industry supporters of the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association at O. J. Noer Turfgrass Research & Education Foundation for the Wisconsin Turfgrass Field Day.

Attendance exceeded previous years' numbers by 100. Organizers attributed much of that increase to the involvement of those interested in

sports turf management. Highlights of the day's events follow:

- Two baseball pitcher's mounds, a softball pitcher's mound, and a home plate circle constructed in July gave attendees the opportunity to view what are probably the first test plots of this kind at a university research station. These plots will be used to test various maintenance procedures following the field day.
- Attendees examined a study of Supina bluegrass alone and in various mixtures with perennial ryegrass, Kentucky bluegrass, and tall fescue.
- Another study focused on the proportion and quality of the turf stand. It included various bluegrass cultivars mixed with perennial ryegrass in various ratios in the initial seeding to achieve a 50:50 mixture in a mature turf stand.
- On the bluegrass/ryegrass research plots, a machine simulated football traffic, approximating wear between the hash marks that would develop in one game per week.
- The day's sessions included a logo painting demonstration.

These research projects increase awareness of athletic field maintenance issues among other branches of the green industry.

### Chapter news

Mark your calendars now for STMA's 11th Annual Conference & Exhibition,

"Gateway to the 21st Century," Jan. 12-16, 2000, Regal Riverfront Hotel, St. Louis, MO.

For information, contact STMA Headquarters by e-mail: SportsTMgr@aol.com, or by phone: (800) 323-3875.

**Florida Chapter #1:** The Florida Chapter will hold a meeting in Ft. Lauderdale Nov. 19. The focus will be "Sports Turf Equipment Demonstrations for Maintaining Athletic Fields." It will include education by Dr. Phil Busey on athletic field weed control.

For information, contact John Mascaro: (954) 341-3115.

**Midwest Chapter:** The Midwest Chapter is one of the allied co-sponsoring organizations participating in the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation's (ITF) 16th Annual North Central Turfgrass Exposition Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. Dec. 1, Dr. Paul Rieke of Michigan State University will present "Construction and Installation of Sports Facilities." Special focus seminars, including those on sports turf topics, will be featured Dec. 2. For event information, contact ITF by e-mail: associationheadquarters@csi.com.

For general information, call the chapter hotline: (847) 622-3517.

**Great Lakes Chapter:** GLSTMA will hold its second Annual Awards Presentation and Meeting Dec. 7 at

the Hyatt Regency, Columbus.

For information, contact Joe Zelinko: (800) 897-9714, or Boyd Montgomery: (419) 885-1982, or visit the chapter Web site: <http://members.tripod.com/~glstma>.

**Colorado Chapter:** The Colorado Chapter will again participate in the Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association Annual Conference Dec. 8-10 at Currigan Hall in Denver.

The Chapter is currently seeking nominations for the 2000 Board. Three directors positions and one commercial officer position must be filled. Elections will take place at the annual meeting, held in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association Annual Conference. Interested candidates and members with potential nominations should call the hotline or go to the Chapter Web page.

For general information, visit: [www.cstma.org](http://www.cstma.org), or call the hotline: (303) 346-8954.

**Minnesota Chapter:** The Minnesota Chapter will again participate in the Minnesota Turf & Grounds Conference and Trade Show Dec. 8-10. The theme will be "Beyond the Millennium: Education for the 21st Century." Several conference sessions will focus on sports turf management.

For information, contact Connie Rudolph: (651) 646-1679.

**North Texas Chapter:** The North Texas Chapter will hold its annual meeting Dec. 14, in conjunction with the Texas Turfgrass Association meeting in San Antonio. The day's events begin with a breakfast meeting.

For information, contact Rene Asprion, Diamond Pro: (800) 228-2987; or Tom Welch, CSM, Central Garden and Pet: (800) 788-9581; or visit the Web site: [www.ntstma.org](http://www.ntstma.org).

**Wisconsin Chapter:** WSTMA will join the Wisconsin Turf Association to present the annual Winter Expo Jan. 11-12 at the Marriott West in Madison, WI.

For information, contact Rich Riggs, R. H. Rettler & Associates, Inc.: (715) 341-2633.

**KAFMO Chapter:** The Eastern PA Turf Conference and Trade Show will be held Jan. 11-13 at the Valley Forge Convention Center in King of Prussia, PA. The Western PA Turf Conference and Trade Show will be held Feb. 9-11 at the ExpoMart/Radisson Hotel in Monroeville, PA.

KAFMO will hold its annual Athletic Field Conference at the Holiday Inn in Grantville Feb. 24. The meeting will feature nationally recognized speakers and vendor displays.

For information, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club: (610) 375-8469, ext. 212.

**Iowa Chapter:** The Chapter will participate in the Iowa Turfgrass

Conference and Trade Show Jan. 24-26 at the Convention Center in Des Moines, IA. A special sports turf track will again be offered.

Featured speakers include: Pete Taylor, the radio voice of the ISU Cyclones; Dale Getz, University of Notre Dame; Connie Rudolph, Midway Stadium; Dr. Dave Minner, ISU; Kevin Vos, Muscatine Soccer Complex; Dr.



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Roundtable discussions return this year with the following topics: "Slow-Release Fertilizers: Pros & Cons;" "Rapid Repairs and Tricks of the Trade;" "Management of Skinned Areas;" "Using Effluent Water for Irrigation;" "Surfing the Net;" "Nutrition of Soil-Based Fields;" "Nutrition of Sand-Based Fields;" and "Effective Uses of Different Field Covers."

ISTMA will hold its annual meeting at the event.

For information, contact Lori Westrum at the Turf Office: (515) 232-8222, or fax: (515) 232-8228.

**Indiana Chapter:** The Chapter's September meeting at Indiana University drew 40 attendees. A Winter Event is in the planning stages.

For information, contact Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer: (219) 356-8424, or Pat Hickner: (800) 672-4273.

**MAFMO Chapter:** For information, contact the hotline: (410) 290-5652.

**Michigan Chapter:** For information, contact Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools: (616) 395-2364.

**Mid-South Chapter:** For information, contact Jim Calhoun: (901) 755-1305, or Robert Bodi: (901) 383-2414.

**Northern-California Chapter:** For information, contact Janet Gift: (530) 758-4200.

**Southern-California Chapter:** For information, contact the hotline: (888) 578-STMA.

**Tennessee Valley Chapter:** For information, contact Tom McAfee, Nashville Sounds: (615) 242-4371, or Bob Hogan: (888) 224-6426.

### Chapters on the grow

**Arizona Chapter:** For information, contact Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department: (602) 312-7954; or Kris Kircher, City of Chandler Parks & Recreation Department: (602) 786-2728.



*Minnesota Chapter Workshop on Wheels attendees watch the Minnesota Vikings work out at the University of Minnesota - Mankato. Courtesy: STMA*



*The Minnesota Workshop on Wheels stops to tour the softball complex at Caswell Park, Mankato, MN. Courtesy: STMA*

**Kansas City, MO/KS Chapter:** For information on this forming chapter, contact Trevor Vance: (816) 504-4271, John Cundiff: (816) 525-7600, Bill Tritt: (816) 941-4424, Jody Gill: (913) 681-4121, Gary Custis: (816) 468-6215, or Jay Sutton: (816) 795-8873.

**Nevada Chapter:** For information, contact Ibsen Dow: (702) 649-1551; or Alan Paulson, Clark County School District: (702) 799-8724.

