

**J**une 23, Tennessee Valley STMA held its first Annual Conference and Educational Seminar at the University of Tennessee. Sixty attendees turned out to hear presentations by the best turf people in the Southeast.

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mation, clearly explained, and easy to understand. A friendly atmosphere and great camaraderie allowed questions and answers to flow freely throughout the day.

• Bob Campbell, sports turf manager for the University of Tennessee, spoke on football field preparation. He's had plenty of experience in high-pressure situations, especially as 1998 TV coverage focused on the Volunteers' climb to num-

ber one in college football.

Campbell later received the Tennessee Turfgrass Association Turf Manager of the Year award from Association President Lynn Day and Executive Director Andy Brennan.

• Dr. Gil Landry, extension crop and soil science specialist from the University of Georgia, followed with the topic, "What's Wrong with My Field?" Dr. Landry focused on diag-

nostic steps needed to follow field symptoms to their causes.

• Dr. Coleman Ward, professor emeritus of Auburn University, addressed the topic: "Fall Overseeding of Bermudagrass Sports Fields and Handling the Spring Transition."

• Dr. A. J. Powell of the University of Kentucky hit the basics in practical terms with "A Dummies Guide to Turf Management." He offered workable solutions to common problems.

• The lunch break gave attendees good food and great networking opportunities. Following lunch, attendees checked out displays, met with vendors, and walked the field at the University of Tennessee's Neyland Stadium.

• Dr. James McAfee of Texas A&M kicked off afternoon educational sessions with his presentation, "Maximizing Bermudagrass for Sports Use."

• Dr. Tom Samples of the University of Tennessee addressed the topic, "Establishing Sports Turf in the Transition Zone," the toughest area in which to grow turfgrass.

• Tim Nielson, Director of Grounds for the Chattanooga Lookouts, wrapped up the formal educational portion of the program with his presentation, "Preparing Baseball Fields for Game Days."

• Events concluded with a guided tour of University of Tennessee sports facilities.

## Chapter news

Mark your calendars now for STMA's 11th Annual Conference & Exhibition, "Gateway to the 21st Century," January 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.

**Indiana Chapter:** The Indiana

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Chapter is planning an October event. Details will be announced soon.

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

**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 more information on this event, contact ITF by e-mail: [association-headquarters@csi.com](mailto:association-headquarters@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 Currihan Hall in Denver.

For information, visit the chapter Web site: [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.



Left to right: Tom Nielson; Bob Hogan, TVSTMA secretary/treasurer; Tom McAfee, TVSTMA president; Dr. Coleman Ward; Dr. A. J. Powell; Dr. Gil Landry; Stan Thomas; Dr. James McAfee; and Bill Marbet, TVSTMA president elect. Courtesy: STMA

**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).

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**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 January 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.

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. More details will be announced soon.

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

**MAFMO Chapter:** For information,



Left to right: Andy Brennan, Tennessee Turfgrass Association (TTA) executive director; STMA Board Member Bob Campbell; and Lynn Rey, TTA president. Courtesy: STMA

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 chapter hotline: (888) 578-STMA.

**Tennessee Valley Chapter:** For information, contact Tom McAfee,

Nashville Sounds: (615) 242-4371, or Bob Hogan: (888) 224-6426.

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**Arizona Chapter:** The Arizona Chapter will team with the City of Yuma for the 7th Annual Sports Turf & Equipment Show, 8 am-3 pm, Fri., Dec. 3. A \$10 registration fee includes lunch and a t-shirt. For event information, contact Larry Munoz, City of Yuma: (520) 329-2824.

The 4th Annual Sports Turf Golf Tournament will be held Thurs., Dec. 2, at the Desert Hills Golf Course.

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.

**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.

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