

June 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.

Every topic was packed with infor-

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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.

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