

# The 6th Annual KAFMO-PRPS Athletic Field Conference

**O**ne successful conference provides the major building block for a second successful conference. This builds to the third, which all leads up to the report of another great event, the 6th Annual KAFMO-PRPS Athletic Field Conference held this past February 15 in Grantville, PA.

The KAFMO Chapter has discovered a time frame that works well for potential participants and has used their initial successes to create anticipation for the event. Solid educational programs combine with the vendor support of the trade show to produce an excellent combination of activities in a something for everyone package.

This year's educational sessions included a presentation on "Professionalism and certification for the sports turf manager," by Steve Trusty, executive director of the Sports Turf Managers Association; and a presentation on "Brownsfield to Greenfield

Sports Complex" by Greg Petry, executive director of the Waukegan, IL, Park District. These were followed by a presentation on "The National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP)" by Kevin Morris, NTEP executive director.

Lunch and breaks offered opportunities for attendees to tour the trade show and visit with exhibitors.

The KAFMO awards program started the afternoon session. This was followed by a presentation on "Comprehensive risk management for parks, recreation and sports fields" by Greg Petry.

This combination of topics provided an excellent focus on the big picture: personal professionalism; field maintenance issues, and the facility and business management aspects. All of these must be managed efficiently and effectively in a successful sports turf management program. **ST**

## STMA Chapter News

**Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA):** TVSTMA will hold a Sports Turf Seminar at Crockett Park, Brentwood Parks and Recreation, in Brentwood, on April 24. The program will include the following presentations: What We Do; And How We Do It - by Erin Kinney and Rich Richardson of Brentwood Parks; Experience in Smyrna - by Mike Moss of Smyrna Parks; and Time Management - by Bill Randles, Vanderbilt University. A Vendor Show will take place following the presentations. To Pre-Register for this event please call Stan Thomas 800-627-8816, Bob Hogan 888-224-6426 or Mike Sallee 615-371-2209.

Other Upcoming TVSTMA Events are as follows: May 23: Franklin Road Academy in Nashville; June 12: All Day Vendor Show in Jasper; June 25: Joint Meeting with Tennessee Turfgrass Association at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville; and July 18: Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis.

**MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association:** The MO-Kan Chapter will hold a Spring Turf Management Field Day on from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on April 24 at the University of Kansas Baseball Stadium. This event will focus on specific maintenance needs of Baseball, Softball and Soccer fields; general spring turf maintenance; field evaluation techniques; and irrigation water management. Instructors include: Brad Fresenburg, University of Missouri; Dr. Dave Minner, Iowa State University; and more.

MO-KAN also will hold at Summer Turf Management Field Day from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on June 19 at a Blue Valley School District location. The

exact site will be announced soon. This event will focus on all aspects of Bermudagrass establishment and maintenance on sand base and native soil fields and will contain a laser grading session which will include the mathematics of dual slope laser grading, laser grader setup and the opportunity for you to operate a grader blade with laser controls. Instructors for this field day are: Brad Fresenburg, University of Missouri; Larry Phipps, Laser Specialists; Jody Gill, Blue Valley Schools.

For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jody Gill at 913-239-4121.

second is scheduled for June 5 at Cranberry High School in Seneca. Both seminars will feature former Baltimore Orioles Head Groundskeeper, Paul Zwaska, who is now General Manager for Beacon. Topics in the seminar are designed to educate groundskeepers, coaches, and facility managers with the emphasis placed on field maintenance materials, equipment, and maintenance practices. The day-long seminar consists of a morning classroom session followed by an early afternoon on-field session.

For more information on these seminars call Beacon Ballfields at 800-747-5985. 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 kafmo@aol.com.



**Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA):** Beacon Ballfields, in association with the Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO), is conducting two field maintenance seminars in Pennsylvania. The first will be held on Tuesday, May 21, at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown. The

**Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:** The Colorado Chapter is planning a late spring Baseball/Softball Seminar at the City of Westminster. Also in the planning stages is a Summer Workshop covering soccer/football/baseball/softball maintenance. This event will be held at the City of Aurora. For information on the Colorado Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website, [www.CSTMA.org](http://www.CSTMA.org), or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954.

**Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA):** The OSTMA chapter will hold a spring workshop with the Cleveland Browns in May. More information and registration forms will be available on the website as soon

as they are finalized. Don't miss out on this great event and your chance to hear how the pros operate, and also network with your peers!

The OSTMA will host a summer workshop with the Toledo Mudhens on June 26, at the brand new 5/3rd Field in downtown Toledo. Educational sessions will be conducted by Jeff Limburg, Head Sports Field Manager, and the OSTMA. The MISTMA Chapter also has been invited to participate. Tickets will be available so attendees can catch the ballgame following the workshop.

For information on the OSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 740-452-4541 or Boyd Montgomery at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's website at [www.glstma.org](http://www.glstma.org).

**Minnesota Chapter STMA:** The Minnesota Chapter is planning a spring workshop. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota at tel. 651-638-6075 or e-mail: [j-hintz@bethel.edu](mailto:j-hintz@bethel.edu).

**Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA):** The Michigan Chapter's annual meeting will be held June 20, at Okemos High School. MISTMA also will join the Ohio Chapter for a summer workshop with the Toledo Mudhens on June 26, at the brand new 5/3rd Field in downtown Toledo. Educational sessions will be conducted by Jeff Limburg, Head Sports Field Manager, and the OSTMA. Tickets will be available so attendees can catch the ballgame following the workshop. Plan now to take part in G. A. M Day at Spartan Stadium on July 19. This event will team sports turf managers and business managers with a focus on the business end of maintaining sports fields. For information on the Chapter or other pending events, call Amy Fouty, University of Michigan, at 734-763-4422, or go to [www.mistma.org](http://www.mistma.org) to visit the chapter's new website.

**Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:** For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, contact Bill Murphy, Recreation and Facilities Manager, City of Scottsdale Park, at e-mail: [bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us](mailto:bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us) or tel. 480-312-7954.

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

**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.

**The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Steve Dugas, California State University-Fullerton, at 714-278-3929 or email [sdugas@fullerton.edu](mailto:sdugas@fullerton.edu).

**Florida Chapter #1:** For information on the Florida Chapter, or pending activities, call John Mascaro at 954-341-3115.

**Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Gateway Chapter, or upcoming events, call Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist

College, 314-392-2328 or email [krone@mobap.edu](mailto:krone@mobap.edu).

**Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:** 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](mailto:Lori@iowaturfgrass.org).

**Indiana Chapter:** For information on the Indiana Chapter, or pending activities, call Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at 219-356-8424.

**MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jody Gill at 913-239-4121.

**Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Nebraska Chapter, or upcoming events, call Gregg Bostelman, City of Grand Island, at 308-385-5426.

**Midwest Chapter STMA:** For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, visit the Chapter's website, <http://mctma.org/>, or call Libby Baker at 847-263-7603 or email [Bake60ft6in@aol.com](mailto:Bake60ft6in@aol.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, at 908-236-9118; e-mail to [SFMANJCHAPTER@netscape.net](mailto:SFMANJCHAPTER@netscape.net).

**Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA):** For information on the MAFMO Chapter, or pending activities, call the Hotline at 410-290-5652.

**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](http://www.ntstma.org).

**South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the South Texas Chapter, or upcoming events, call Craig Potts, Texas A & M University, at tel. 979-458-8841, or e-mail: [CPotts@athletics.tamu.edu](mailto:CPotts@athletics.tamu.edu).

**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](mailto:buc06@co.henrico.va.us) or at tel. 804-261-8213.

**Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association:** For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, call Richard Miller at 608-756-1150.

## Chapters on the Grow

**Las Vegas:** 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](mailto:rms@lvca.com) or at tel. 702-386-7140.

**New York:** A chapter is forming in Central New York. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the National Soccer Hall of Fame. For more information, contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, at e-mail: [Kevin@wpe.com](mailto:Kevin@wpe.com) or at tel. 607-432-2953. **ST**

## Sports Turf Managers Association gains more space

**T**he Headquarters of the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) has relocated to gain more office space. The new location is 1027 South 3rd Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503. The new phone number is 712/322-STMA (7862). The toll free phone number remains the same: 800/323-3875. Both fax numbers remain the same: 712-366-9119 and 800-366-0391.

The new E-mail address is [STMAHQ@st.omhcoxmail.com](mailto:STMAHQ@st.omhcoxmail.com). Staff members also have individual E-mail addresses using their first name, such as [Steve@st.omhcoxmail.com](mailto:Steve@st.omhcoxmail.com). The website address will remain the same: [www.sportsturfmanager.com](http://www.sportsturfmanager.com).

Steve Trusty, STMA executive director, says, "All indications point to continuation of the excellent growth the association has experienced over the past several years. In addition, STMA has continued to add services for our membership including the Certified Sports Field Manager Program, the newly introduced Mentoring Program, and the coordination of a bigger and better website. In order to accommodate all of this, we have upgraded equipment and increased our staff. In the process, we had outgrown our office space. We're excited about what lies ahead for the association and are pleased to report that the new STMA Headquarters site provides adequate space now and can accommodate future growth."