

Georgia Chapter kicks off great

The Georgia Chapter of STMA held its first major event on September 6 at the Russ Chandler Stadium at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Activities began at 10 am with the Vendor Showcase and Product Displays. Attendees had the opportunity to view the displays, meet with suppliers, ask questions, and get in-depth answers.

GA-STMA president Skip Kirby Sports Turf Management LLC, welcomed the attendees and thanked the sponsors and exhibitors on behalf of the Chapter.

Next on the program was Steve Trusty, STMA executive director, who gave an overview of the Association, member benefits, and the Certified Sports Field Manager program. Trusty noted that working together, sports turf managers were raising the level of professionalism and striving to provide the best sports surfaces for all levels of play. He urged the attendees to get involved, noting they would gain as much or more than they gave.

Tom Shannon of Ewing Irrigation then addressed the drought situation and shared irrigation tips to help get the greatest results from available resources. He noted that irrigation system efficiency is always important and becomes even more critical when water resources are limited and all water use becomes a community-wide concern.

Dr. Gil Landry of the University of Georgia, also focused on water issues in his presentation. Landry noted that sports turf managers needed to get involved in the forum on water issues and make sure their needs were clearly stated to insure they would receive their fair share of water during drought situations. Landry also spoke on issues of professionalism and urged attendees to take part in the Turf Conference.

Next, Kris Harris of Georgia Tech, gave a tour of the Russ Chandler Stadium baseball field that had been renovated in 2001, and the newly renovated Grant Football Field.

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Photos by Dr. Gil Landry

STMA Chapter News

Congratulations to the Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association - STMA's newly affiliated Chapter. For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@batsbaseball.com or Aaron Boggs at AVBoggs@netscape.net.

Midwest Chapter STMA: The Chapter will again participate in the North Central Turf Expo in December. An expanded 2-day Irrigation Workshop will be held February 11-12 at Chevy Chase Golf Club in Wheeling. More details will be announced soon. For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, visit the Chapter's website-<http://mcstma.org/>, or call Libby Baker at 847-263-7603 or email Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: The Chapter will again partner with the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo (Dec. 10-12 at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City) to present a special sports turf specific educational track. Sports Turf Track Topics will include: "Successes in Athletic Field Improvements," presented by speakers from a municipality, a university, a high school, and the extension service; "Developing an IPM Program for Athletic Fields," "Athletic Field Problems and Their Solutions in the UK," "Mowing Management as it Affects

Turf Quality," "Recognition of Performance - The Sports Turf Managers Association Certification Program and The STMA Survey Update," "Expectations of Athletic Fields from the Perspective of the Coach, Engineer/Architect, Administration, Sports Field Manager, and Contractor Services;" and "Keeping Up To Date on Pesticide Regulations."

The 10-day Athletic Field Management School will be held at Rutgers University January 6-10 and January 27-31, 2003. Register through the website: www.cook.rutgers.edu/~ocpe or call 732-932-9271.

For information on the New Jersey Chapter, or upcoming events, call Fred Castenschiold at 908-722-9830 or email to mkc@blast.net; or call Eleanora Murfitt, at 908-236-9118; e-mail to HQ@sfmanj.org.

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will have a booth at the Turfgrass and Landscape Institute (SCTC) to be held December 11 at Buena Park.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Steve Dugas, California State University - Fullerton, at 714-278 - 3929 or email sdugas@fullerton.edu.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): The Chapter will hold its fifth annual meeting and award

breakfast December 11 in conjunction with the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation annual Conference and Trade Show at the Columbus Convention Center. The Conference dates are December 9-12. For information on the Conference, call 888-683-3444. 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.ostma.org.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): The Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting at the Columbus Convention Center December 11. Breakfast will be served. The Chapter also will hold a special sports turf track in conjunction with the Michigan Turfgrass Conference January 20-23, 2003, at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, contact MiSTMA Headquarters at 517-712-3407, or email Amy Fouty, University of Michigan, at fouty@umich.edu, or go to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's new website.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association: Join the Chapter on December 16 for a Super Event sponsored by