

# Georgia Chapter kicks off great

**T**he 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](mailto:TNielsen@batsbaseball.com) or Aaron Boggs at [AVBoggs@netscape.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:mkc@blast.net); or call Eleanora Murfitt, at 908-236-9118; e-mail to [HQ@sfmanj.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:fouty@umich.edu), or go to [www.mistma.org](http://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



Pennington Seed and held at their facility in Madison, beginning at 2:00 PM with a tour of their operations, followed by a cookout and educational sessions beginning at 5:00 PM. The evening's grand event will be a special presentation by George Toma, the "Marquis de Sod."

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Lori Turek at 770-509-3663 or [gastma@earthlink.net](mailto:gastma@earthlink.net).

**Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association:** The Chapter will hold their annual meeting in conjunction with the Nebraska Turfgrass Meeting to be held January 6-8, 2003, at the Holiday Inn Central, Omaha.

For information on the Nebraska Chapter, or upcoming events, call Loren Humphrey at 402-461-2324 or email to [lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org](mailto:lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org).

**Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association:** The Chapter will participate in the Wisconsin Turfgrass and Greenscape Expo to be held at the Madison Marriott, Middleton, January 6-8, 2003.

For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, call Richard Miller at 608-756-1150.

**Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association:** The VSTMA will hold its Annual Membership Meeting January 15, 2003, at the Richmond Marriott, during the Virginia Turfgrass Council Annual Conference.

For information on the Virginia Chapter, or other upcoming events, contact Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority via e-mail: [Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov) or at 703/324-8590.

**Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:** The Iowa also will participate in the Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show January 27-29, 2003, in Des Moines. The Sports Turf Workshop, January 27, will be held at the Marriott Hotel. The program includes: Lynda Wightman, Hunter Industries, presenting "Irrigation Design;" Mike Mulvihill, Tri State Companies, presenting "Problems with Do-It-Yourself Projects;" Mike Burt, John Netwal, Rob Schulte and Gary Peterson, presenting "Project Case Studies;" Luke Yoder, Pittsburgh Pirates, presenting "Post-Season Maintenance Techniques for Baseball;" Nick Gow and Kevin Fitzpatrick, Hunziker Sports Complex, presenting "Management on a Limited Budget;" and Rob Schulte, Cedar Rapids Kernels, Mike Andresen, CSFM, Iowa State University, and Sean Crain, City of Ankeny, presenting "Management on Skinned Fields." Events January 28-29 will be held at the Polk County Convention Complex. The January 28 General Session will include: Scholarships and Awards, New Products Showcase, Legislative Update, and Keynote Speaker Dr. Bree Hayes.

Afternoon sessions include: Dr. Hayes on "Personal Stress Management;" and Luke Yoder on "Sand Field Design/Construction, Start to Finish." The ISTMA Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Presentation will be held from 3:00-4:00 PM. Session on January 29 will include: Jeff Wendel, Iowa Turfgrass Institute, on "Voluntary Reduction of Phosphorus & Water Quality Issues;" Rodney St. John, Iowa State University on

"Sprayer Calibration, Tank Mixing, Record Keeping, Application & Handling;" Dave Ditzler, Grinnell College and Todd Loecke, Syngenta, on "Growth Regulator Program for Sports Turf;" and an afternoon Continuing Pesticide Instructional Course for Categories 3O, 3T, 3OT, 5, 6 & 10.

For information on the Iowa Chapter, or upcoming activities, contact Jeff Wendel of The Turf Office at tel. 515-232-8222, or fax 515-232-8228, or e-mail: [Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org](mailto:Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org).

**Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA):** The Seventh Annual KAFMO/STMA Athletic Field Conference will be held in Grantsville February 21, 2003.

For information on the KAFMO/STMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at tel. 610-375-8469, ext. 212; or e-mail to: [kafmo@aol.com](mailto:kafmo@aol.com).



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

**Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA):** For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc., at 931-380-0023 or 800-837-8062 or visit the chapter's website: [www.tvstma.org](http://www.tvstma.org).

**Southern California Chapter:** For information on the Chapter, or pending activities, call Steve Wightman at 619-641-3106.

**Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the 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.

**Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:** For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra at e-mail: [chrisc@peoriaaz.com](mailto:chrisc@peoriaaz.com) or tel. 623-412-4231 or Bill Murphy, at e-mail: [bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us](mailto:bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us) or tel. 480-312-7956.

**Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Chapter, or pending events, call Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

**Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Chapter, or upcoming

ing events, call Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College, 314-392-2328 or email [krone@mobap.edu](mailto:krone@mobap.edu).

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

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

**Minnesota Chapter STMA:** For information on the 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).

**MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jody Gill at 913-239-4121, Gary Custis at 816-460-6215, or Mike Green at 913-208-6158 or e-mail to [mokanstma@aol.com](mailto:mokanstma@aol.com).

**Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact in Washington, Jay Warnick at [JayW@Seahawks.com](mailto:JayW@Seahawks.com) or in Oregon, Mike Wagner at [MWagner@Oregon.UOregon.edu](mailto:MWagner@Oregon.UOregon.edu).

**North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Chapter, or pending activities, contact Rene Aspiron 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 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).

## Chapters on the Grow:

**Las Vegas:** For information on the chapter developing in Las Vegas, contact Rod Smith, Grounds Manager/Cashman Center at e-mail: [rms@lvvva.com](mailto:rms@lvvva.com) or at tel. 702-386-7140.

**New York:** For information on the chapter forming in Central New York, contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, at e-mail: [Kevin@wpe.com](mailto:Kevin@wpe.com) or at tel. 607-432-2953.

## News from Canada

The 2003 Ontario Turfgrass Symposium will be held January 21-23, 2003, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Designed for sports turf, golf course, lawn care, sod production and turf management personnel, this Symposium brings together industry professionals sharing a common need for the latest information about the turf industry in Ontario. Join in 3 days of educational session through concurrent seminars as well as presentations on issues of specific interest to individual sectors of the industry and the two-day trade show of industry suppliers. The 2003 theme is "Turf: The New Reality." For information visit [www.open.uoguelph.ca/OTS](http://www.open.uoguelph.ca/OTS) or email Rita Walton at [rwalton@open.uoguelph.ca](mailto:rwalton@open.uoguelph.ca) to receive a brochure and registration form.

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