

VSTMA Field Day draws crowd

BY BOB STUDHOLME

The Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association (VSTMA) held its Annual Field Day on June 14 at Nottoway Park in Vienna. Situated roughly in the heart of Fairfax County in Northern Virginia, Nottoway Park is a Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) facility featuring six irrigated and lighted athletic fields: five diamonds and one rectangular field. The park's wooded picnic area with covered pavilion and restrooms, adjacent to all the ballfields, served as the ideal hub for the event.

Although the weather was unsettled for much of the day and a couple of morning showers altered the program slightly, the event drew a large turnout of 127 participants, 21 suppliers & service providers, plus five industry support groups.

The morning program included talks, review of test plots & field maintenance demonstrations. Bob Studholme, VSTMA Field Day Committee Chairman & FCPA turfgrass specialist, and Dan Sutherland, FCPA Area 5 manager, spoke on athletic field maintenance programs and standards for both public school and park fields in Fairfax County. On field #5, Bob presented test plots demonstrating the use of TGR's and wetting agents, and showed a comparison of wet lining with and without TGR mixed in the paint solution. The use of Stabilizer, various infield mixes, and turf blankets were also discussed.

On field #1, Dave Runkle of Luck Stone and Mark Roberts of Herod Seed demonstrated rebuilding batter's boxes and pitchers mounds with bag clay vs. clay bricks. Charlie Vestal of Profile Products then led an interactive discussion on using calcined clay as an infield conditioner and a turf soil amendment. Joe Harmon of Harmon Turf Services finished up the morning program by demonstrating and discussing the use of the Floyd-McKay Drill-and-Fill aerator/backfill machine. **ST**



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In the afternoon G.L. Cornell, Finch Turf Equipment and Turf Equipment & Supply displayed and demonstrated turf aerators, utility vehicles, AFCs, mowers, and irrigation equipment.

STMA Chapter News

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): The OSTMA Chapter will participate in the Paul Zwaska Ball Field Workshop to be held September 10 at the Ohio State University Intramural complex off Lane Avenue in Columbus. The Ohio Turf Foundation Annual Golf Outing will be held on October 3. 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.

Florida Chapter # 1: The Florida Chapter will participate in the Florida Turfgrass Association Show to be held in Tampa September 16-18. For information on the Show call the FTGA at 800-882-6721.

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

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: The Nebraska Chapter will meet on September 18 at the Wayne State College Baseball Field in Wayne. For

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

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will participate in the Turfgrass & Landscape Management Field Day at the University of California-Riverside on September 24. Registration begins at 7:30 am with the educational program running from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. For information

on this event call Susana Aparicio at 909-787-4430 or email susana@citrus.ucr.edu. The Chapter will have a booth at the Turfgrass and Landscape Expo (SCTC) Fairplex in Pomona on October 9-10. In the planning stages is an October Field Day at Edison International. The date and time to be announced soon.

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

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): TVSTMA will hold an Executive Committee and Committee Chair planning meeting on October 8 at Adelphia Coliseum in Nashville. The Chapter's Annual Planning and Election Meeting will be held November 12 at Vanderbilt University.

For information on the TVSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc., at 313-380-0023 or 800-837-8062 or visit the chapter's website: www.tvstma.org.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will participate in the Golf Fundraiser for the Turf Research Fellowship to be held October 10 at the Meadow Valleys Course at Blackwolf Run.

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

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: The MO-Kan Chapter will hold a Sports Facility Tour On Wheels on October 16. Tour sites will be announced soon. Each stop will include a walking tour and a description of the maintenance practices of the facility.

For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jody Gill at 913-239-4121; Gary Custis at 816-460-6215, or Mike Green at 913-208-6158.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: The Minnesota Chapter's Fall Workshop will be held in Woodbury on October 17. 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.

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

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.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: For

information on the Colorado Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website, www.CSTMA.org, or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954.

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.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Lori Turek at 770-509-3663 or gastma@earthlink.net.

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

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.

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

North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the North Texas Chapter, or pending activities, contact Greg Zimmerman at 214-987-5491 or bef-irrigation@att.net or Rene Asprien at 972-647-3393, or visit the website at 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.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Virginia Chapter, or other upcoming events, contact Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority via e-mail: Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703/324-8590 or Randy Buchanan, County of Henrico Recreation and Parks, via e-mail: buc06@co.henrico.va.us or at 804-261-8213.

Chapters On The Grow

Kentucky: For information on the chapter forming in Kentucky, contact Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@batsbaseball.com or Aaron Boggs at AVBoggs@netscape.net.

Las Vegas: For information on the chapter developing in Las Vegas, contact Rod Smith, Grounds Manager/Cashman Center at e-mail: rms@lveva.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 or at tel. 607-432-2953.

Across the Border Sports Turf Events

Canada's Sports Turf Association will hold their 15th Annual Field Day on September 12 at River Oaks Recreation Centre in Oakville, Ontario. Educational sessions will include: "Intelligent Irrigation," presented by Gregory Snaith of Rain Bird International; "The Olympic Experience," presented by Becky Kellar, member of the Team Canada Women's Hockey team; "Introduction to Turf Covers," presented by Dr. Julie Dionne of the University of Guelph; and "The Ace of Diamonds Tour Athletic Field Maintenance Seminar," presented by Mel Lanford. Also included in the day's events will be opportunities to view both indoor and outdoor exhibits and to meet with the exhibitors.

For more information contact Executive Manager, Ms. Lee Heuther, at the STA office at e-mail: sta@gti.uoguelph.ca or at tel. 519/763-9431.



Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA): The KAFMO Cup Golf Tournament will be held on October 21. Details will be announced soon.

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.

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.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): 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.

Midwest Chapter STMA: 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: For information on the New Jersey Chapter, or upcoming