Trusty also accepted the Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO) sponsored 
Turfloft by the 7th annual Athletic Field Conference in February. The STMA, 
Pennsylvania Rec & Park Society, Penn State, and 23 commercial sponsors 
assisted in putting together the program and exhibit.

Kevin Yeiser, Lebanon Valley College (LVC), Annville, a KAFMO board 
member and 2001 Field of the Year winner, was named KAFMO's "Towler 
Founder's Award" winner, a highlight of the daylong event. Accepting the honor 
named for active member Don Fowler, Yeiser was heartfelt as he thanked his 
family and long-time assistant Keith Evans.

Special guest speaker Mike Andresen, CSFM, from Iowa State came east 
and made presentations on two topics: "Successful Tips for Field Management" 
and "Developing a Maintenance Budget." Andresen said, "Trust your crew and 
allow them to have ownership of your fields," and use vendors to your advantage. 
"They see a lot of ground and know what is going on in your area," he said.

Dr. Pete Landschoot from Penn State presented, "Developing Nitrogen 
Fertility Programs" during which he shared his research into topics such as determining 
amount of N needed via soil tests and the different sources of N on the 
market. "Your primary goal should be optimizing plant uptake and enhancing 
root growth," he said.

STMA Executive Director Steve Trusty also traveled east to update attendees 
on what's happening at National Headquarters. He also encouraged visitors to the "Members Only" section of the STMA website, www.sportsturfmanager.com. 
Trusty also accepted a $1,000 donation from KAFMO president Dan Douglas to the SAFE Foundation (see p. 48). The chapter later donated $3,000 to the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council.

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The exhibits, with nearly 40 companies represented, were open nearly 3 hours of the day to give everyone a chance to make his or her rounds. Thanks to the many exhibitors who gave this correspondent some face time.

Turface is sponsoring the Terry Mellor Memorial Scholarship, an award to remember the brother of Red Sox turf manager Dave Mellor. Anyone in the sports turf industry is eligible for this $1,000 scholarship. You can register by attending local STMA chapter meetings and signing the Turface roster sheet. Multiple entries are accepted. Money can be used for any turf-related educational opportunity. Winner to be drawn December 1.

Grass Stains Productions jumpstarted the after-lunch awards ceremony with another Segar-inspired video clip and scored again. Kudos to Jeff Fowler and Steve LeGros.

2002 Fields of Distinction winners were Dave Anderson, Hempfield, softball; Scott Whitmeyer, War Memorial Field, Ephrata, soccer; and Jim Koontz, Champion Field, Mechanicsburg, football. Chris Lessig won the Waddington/Heeyrper scholarship, while Jeremy Menna, Preston Kresovich, and Jeff Borger, all Nittany Lions, were 2003 scholarship winners.

KAFMO's 2003 officers are: President - Douglas; Vice-President - Yeiser, Secretary - Nancy Boold, Penn State Extension; and Treasurer - Jim Welshans, Penn State Extension. Board members are: Stan Weaver, Upper Dauphin School; Tim Spangler, Central Dauphin School; Neale Magill, Hampden Township; Chris Lessig, Manheim Township; Jeff Fowler, Penn State Extension; Dan Andrus, Lehigh University; Phillip Shirk, Elizabethtown College; Steve LeGros, Hersheypark Stadium; Greg Mayfield, Diamond-Tex; Ben Burns, Hummer Turfgrass Systems; and Mike Dickert, Manor Township.

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Minnesota Chapter STMA: The chapter will hold their Spring Workshop on April 8 at the Metodrome. For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Jeff Hinze, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota at tel. 651-638-6075 or e-mail: j-hinze@bethel.edu.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): The Ohio Chapter will hold a hands-on workshop on field painting at Fremont Ross High School in Fremont on April 14. Experts on painting will share their knowledge and tricks of the trade. For information on the OSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 888-824-9805 or 419-824-9805 or Boyd Montgomery at 419-885-1982, or visit the chapter's website at www.ostma.org.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: The chapter will meet on April 18 in Curtis. Brad Jakubowski, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, will host the meeting. For information, or upcoming events, call Loren Humphreys at 402-461-2324 or email to lhumphrey@city-of-lincoln.org.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): TVSTMA is planning an April Coaches Clinic at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Details will be announced soon. For information, or upcoming events, call Chapter President, Bob Elliott, Tiece, at 800-239-9547 or Glenn Lucas at 800-937-9002; email to Glenn@tvstma.org, or visit the chapter's website: www.tvstma.org.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: The Gateway Chapter officers for 2003 were elected at the annual meeting February 4. The officers are: President - Scott Parker - St Louis Rams, serving the second year of a 2-year term; President-Elect/Treasurer - Mike Kone, Missouri Baptist University; Secretary - Donna Howard, Florissant Sod; and Commercial Vice-President - Mike Ridder, Lesco.

The chapter is planning a spring event to be hosted by Bill Findley of the St. Louis Cardinals. More details will be announced soon. The Gateway and Mo-Kan Chapters of the STMA, in association with the University of Missouri, will present the first ever MU Sports Turf Field Day June 11 at the MU Turfgrass Research Center in Columbia, MO. Please see the Mo-Kan Chapter block for additional details.

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For information on the Gateway Chapter, or upcoming events, call Mike Korne, Missouri Baptist College, 514-392-2328 or email korne@mrobap.edu.

**Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:** Iowa Chapter officers for 2003 are: President - Ken Johnson, Rockwell City/Lyton Community Schools; Vice-President - Joe Wagner, City of Iowa City; and Past President - Bill Perry, CGCS, City of Ottumwa. Directors are: Mike Andresen, CSFM, Iowa State University; Shawn Crain, City of Ankeny; Dave Ditzler, Grinnell College; Mike Embree, Acme Materials; Ken Hanus, Rockwell-Swaledale Community Schools; Rick Simpson, Marshalltown Community Schools; Ken Tietje, City of Des Moines Soccer Complex; Brad Vermeer, City of Sioux Center; Kevin Vos, CSFM, Muscatine Soccer Complex, and Bryan Wood, Commercial Turf and Tractor.

On May 6, ITI will conduct a Demonstration Day at the University of Iowa recreation fields and Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City. A late May event will be held at Sec Taylor Stadium in Des Moines. 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 email: jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

**Florida Chapter # 1:** The Florida Chapter will meet at Ft. Lauderdale Stadium on May 13. Host for this event is Robert Dexter. For more information on the Florida Chapter, or pending activities, contact John Mascaro at 954-515-2328, or email: johnmascaro@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFM0 Chapter STMA): The MAFMO Chapter will meet in late May at George Mason University, home of the STMA 2002 College/University Baseball Field of the Year. For information on the MAFMO Chapter, or pending activities, call the Hotline at 410-290-3612.

**The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:** The Chapter is working on plans for an early June meeting with the focus, "Big League Dreams." More details will 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.

**Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:** The Chapter is planning an early June meeting at Hughes Stadium of Colorado State University in Fort Collins. More details will be announced soon. The 2003 Chapter President is Phil McQuade, Sports Stadium Manager for Jeffco Stadium n Lakewood. He can be reached by phone at 303-257-7188 or email pmcquade@jeffco.k12.co.us.

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

**Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association:** The Kentucky Chapter will conduct a joint meeting with the Ohio Chapter June 10 at the Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati, home of the Cincinnati Reds. For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@hatshandball.com or Aaron Boggs at ABoggs@netscape.net.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: Mo-Kan/Gateway Chapters Field Day - The Mo-Kan and Gateway Chapters of the STMA, in association with the University of Missouri, will present the first ever MU Sports/Turf Field Day June 11 at the MU Turfgrass Research Center in Columbia, MO. Registration begins at 8:30, with sessions from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Field Day will concentrate on research activities at the MU Turfgrass Research Center including: skinned infield materials, preliminary results of the bermudagrass overseeding and transition trials and more. You will have the opportunity to share ideas with Sports Turf Managers from St. Louis and surrounding areas as we tour a number of MU athletic facilities in the afternoon. Arrangements are being made for optional Motorcoach transportation from Kansas City to Columbia.

For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Judy Gill at 913-239-4121, Gary Curtis at 816-460-6215, or Mike Green at 913-208-6158 or e-mail to mokansta@aoa.com.

**Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association** (MSTMA): The Chapter is planning a June meeting at Birmingham Public Schools. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the chapter or pending events, contact MSTMA Headquarters at 717-522-3407, or email Amy Fouty, University of Michigan, at fouty@umich.edu, or go to www.mnistma.org to visit the chapter’s website.

**Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association:** The Wisconsin Chapter is planning a major event for July 11. Morning sessions will be held at St. Norbert College. The afternoon events will be held at legendary Lambeau Field. For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, contact Chris Brindley at 715-346-3022 or chindrive@twspv.org.

**Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association:** The Virginia Chapter will meet July 15-16 at the University of Virginia. On July 15, attendees will tour UV’s Scott Stadium and Harrison Field. The Field Day educational sessions and demonstrations will take place on July 16. STMA President Bob Campbell, CSFM, will be the featured speaker. 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.

**Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization** (KAFMO/STMA): See story on page 49. For further 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.

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

**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.

**Southern California Chapter:** For information on the Southern California Chapter, or pending activities, call Michael Tartarino at 858-679-2526.

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

**Indiana Chapter:** For information on the Indiana Chapter, or pending activities, contact Stan Mocrig, Indiana University, at 812-856-2256 or smocrig@indiana.edu.

**Midwest Chapter STMA:** For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, visit the Chapter’s website-http://mstma.org, or call Libby Baker at 976-263-7603 or email Bake@trinim@aol.com.

**Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey:** For information on the New Jersey Chapter, or upcoming events, call Eleanor Murfitt, at 908-236-9115; e-mail to H2@stfan.org.

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

**South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the South Texas Chapter, or pending activities, contact Kathy Casseymeyer at 774-679-2869 or Rene Aspinat at 972-467-3393, or visit the website at www.mstma.org.

**South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the South Texas Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Tim Loeschat at 210-207-0750 or Craig Potts at 979-458-8841 or 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: mrs45@veca.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. 607-452-2953.

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