

# Midwest Chapter conducts Irrigation Workshop

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The Midwest Chapter of STMA, with the help of Hunter Industries and Pro's Choice Soilmaster, sponsored a comprehensive Irrigation Workshop February 20-21. Seventy attendees from all over the Midwest participated.

The 2-day workshop started with Dr. Hank Wilkinson of the University of Illinois teaching the basic principles of soils and how they relate to athletic field management and to proper irrigation management of our athletic fields.

A long time friend of the STMA, Lynda Wightman of Hunter Industries, followed Dr. Wilkinson. Lynda covered the basics of irrigation systems from design work all the way through installation of the correct system to fit your athletic field needs and budget restraints.

Karl Smith, Mike Clark, and Jeff Mgebhoff of Hunter Industries also took turns at updating our knowledge of what makes up a successful irrigation system. During breakout sessions attendees learned what to specify as well as how to trouble shoot and make repairs. Good food and wonderful conversations helped make a successful 2-day workshop. The Midwest Chapter is very



grateful to Lynda, Mike, Karl, Jeff and Hunter Industries for helping make this a successful event.

We are very grateful as well to Dave Cygan of Pro's Choice for helping sponsor our event and helping arrange for Dr. Wilkinson to be part of the event.

The board would also like to thank Libby and Ted Baker for all their hard work in organizing the event and following through with all the paperwork and attention to detail that helped make this a great educational seminar.

## More to come

The Midwest Chapter is in the process of putting together two events for the coming year. We hope to have

an Aerification, Overseeding and Fertilization Session in mid-May, details to come soon.

We are also in the process of putting together a fall workshop on how to put your baseball field to rest after the season. This session is being planned for mid-September.

For further information call the chapter hotline.

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## STMA Chapter News

**North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:** The Chapter will meet at the new Rough Riders facility in Frisco May 6. In the planning stages is a Round Table Topics Day to be held at the Texas A & M Extension Center. For information, or pending activities, contact Kathy Cassmeyer at 972-603-2869 or Katherine.Cassmeyer@lmco.com, or visit [www.ntstma.org](http://www.ntstma.org).

**Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:** On May 6, ITI will co-host a Demonstration Day at the University of Iowa recreation fields and Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City. ISTMA will meet at Sec Taylor Stadium in Des Moines June 24.

For information on the 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).

**Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:** The Chapter will meet May 9 in Grand Junction. A Seminar is planned for June 19 at Sky Sox Stadium in Colorado Springs. Attendees will have the option of taking in a ballgame following the seminar.

The World Famous Lawnmower Man Open will be held at Heritage at the Westmore Golf Course July 22.

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, or contact Chapter president Phil McQuade at 303-237-7188 or [pmcquade@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:pmcquade@jeffco.k12.co.us).

**Florida Chapter # 1:** The Chapter will meet at Ft. Lauderdale Stadium May 13. Host for this event is Robert Dexter.

For information on the Chapter, or pending activities,

contact John Mascaro at 954-341-3115 or [STMA@Turf-Tec.com](mailto:STMA@Turf-Tec.com).

**Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA):** The MAFMO Chapter will meet May 27 at George Mason University, home of the STMA 2002 College/University Baseball Field of the Year. For information on this event, email Nick Gammill at [ngammill@american.edu](mailto:ngammill@american.edu).

For information on the MAFMO Chapter, or other pending activities, call the Hotline at 866-818-8873.

**Midwest Chapter STMA:** The Chapter will hold a Seminar May 20 at Northwestern University's Lakeside Field Complex. Along with other events, the Seminar will include demonstrations by several manufacturers of their aerification and topdressing equipment.