

Conference season kicks off

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November marks the beginning of the state and regional turfgrass conferences. Many of these conferences offer sports turf educational tracks developed in conjunction with the area's Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) Chapters. Some of these are highlighted in the Chapter information blocks below. Take advantage of these educational advantages and the opportunity to network with your peers and encourage participation in local and regional Chapter activities.

Expand your horizons by attending the STMA 16th Annual Conference and

Exhibition. It will be held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Phoenix hotel, January 19-23, 2005. This is an event packed with opportunities to fine tune your sport turf management program, including: Seminar on Wheels visits to area sports fields, the SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament fundraiser, networking sessions, educational sessions and workshops, the MLB/NFL offsite Seminar, round-table discussions, the Awards Banquet, keynote speaker Ron Santo, and the sports turf focused trade show. Check out www.sportsturfmanager.com for complete information.

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Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association: The Kentucky Chapter will participate in the Kentucky Turfgrass Council Conference and Trade Show November 9-11. A special Sports Turf Track will take place November 10.

For more information on the chapter or upcoming events, check out the website: www.kystma.org or contact Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@batsbaseball.com or Donnie Mefford at dbmeff00@email.uky.edu or call him at 859-257-1451.

Florida Chapter # 1: The Chapter will hold a November 16 meeting at Sable Pines Park in the City of Coconut Creek. The topic is Total Park Maintenance from Fence to Fence. Equipment demonstrations also will be showcased.

For information on the Chapter, or pending activities, contact John Mascaro at 954-341-3115 or STMA@Turf-Tec.com.

South Carolina Chapter of STMA: The Chapter will meet November 16 in Myrtle Beach at Coastal Federal Field, home of the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. Featured on the program will be Weed Identification and Control presented by Dr. Bert McCarty and Baseball Infield Preparation demonstrated by Chris Ball. Following the meeting, participants may visit the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendent Trade Show from 4:30-7:00 PM for an additional charge. Golf casual attire is required for the trade show event.

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Dr. Hale at 843-662-3526 extension 206 or by email at tchale@clemsun.edu or on the chapter's website www.scstma.org.

Midwest Chapter STMA: The Chapter is offering scholarships and Field/Facility Awards to its members. Applications for each were sent out in the August Newsletter. Copies are available by contacting Libby Baker as shown below. The scholarship is \$750 and can be used for attending the National STMA Conference in Phoenix in January. The awards and scholarships will be presented at the Illinois Professional Turf Conference (IPTC) November 30 to December 2.

For information on the 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 Turf Managers Association of Arizona: The Chapter will hold its Annual Sports Turf Show December 2 at the Yuma Civic Center. Program highlights will include: Aeration Principles presented by Dr. David Kopec; Playground Safety presented by Landscape Structures; Seven Deadly Sins of Tree Care presented by Tina McKeand, City of Yuma Arborist; Selecting the Right Sprinkler