VSTMA Field Day 2004 is a success

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In fall 2003, the Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association (VSTMA) Board of Directors awarded Field Day 2004 to Atlee High School in Hanover County and Marc Moran. In keeping with VSTMA tradition, Marc automatically became not only the Field Day Host but the VSTMA Field Day Committee Chairman as well. Marc, who moonlights as the VSTMA Category 3 Director, participants and 22 suppliers/service providers, including industry support groups such as the Virginia Turfgrass Council, and featured concurrent educative lectures, vendor displays and equipment demonstrations.

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The 2-day event began the evening of July 20 with the “Tailgate Reception” sponsored by Luck Stone Specialty Products. First introduced during Field Day ’03, the reception is geared primarily towards networking. The Field Day proper was held the next day. Kickoff was at 8 AM sharp and featured a keynote address by STMA President Bob Campbell. Immediately following was the main draw for most of the attendees: 12 educative sessions spread over the next 5 hours at various locations around the school, all within a minute or two of each other.

On-the-field lectures included: Dr. Shawn Askew of Virginia Tech and his ever popular “Weed Walk”; Dr. Mike Goatley of Virginia Tech on “Transitioning Bermudagrass/Rye Grass Fields”; Chad Mulholland of the Richmond Braves on “Pitchers Mound Maintenance”; Sam Doak of Virginia Tech on “Turfgrass Nutrition”; Marc Moran of Atlee High School on “Field Marking”; Jimmy Rodgers, CSFM, University of Virginia, on “Infield Maintenance.”

Two other sessions were supported by active equipment demonstrations:

- Joe Harmon of Harmon Turf Services on “Deeptine Aeration,” featuring both drill-and-fill and reciprocating-type aerators; and Michael Sullenberger of George Mason University on “Maintaining Wear Areas,” with support of Specialty Turf Services demonstrating row springing of Bermudagrass. This year’s Field Day also included two indoor presentations, strategically scheduled during the heat of the day (July in Virginia): Dale Getz, CSFM, of The Toro Company led an excellent discussion on “Managing Soils,” and Bob Campbell, CSFM, gave a terrific presentation titled “A Sportsturf Manager’s Survival Guide.”

The VSTMA Field Day Committee extends a big Thank You to the Atlee High School Athletic Boosters Club, who helped prepare and serve food as well as staff the registration table on both days, and the following sponsors for their tremendous support, without which this event would not be possible:

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Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): The OSTMA Fall Field Day and Vendor Showcase will be held September 7 at the OSY Intramural Complex Fred Bechman Park. The Chapter also will participate in the OTF Annual Golf Tournament October 5 at the Golf Club of Dublin.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 888-824-9805 or 419-824-9805 or Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter’s website at www.ostma.org.

Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will meet September 9 at the Baseball USA Complex in Houston. The Chapter’s 2nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held October 20 at the Mill Creek Golf Club & Inn in Salado.

For more information contact 866-897-8621 or email T.J. Thompson, Treasurer, at TXturfmanager@prodigy.net.

Florida Chapter # 1: Make plans now to attend the Florida Turfgrass Association 52nd Annual Conference & Show to be held September 12-15 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Tampa. The Chapter will lead a tour September 13 beginning at noon. Sites include a local golf course, Raymond James Stadium, and Legends Field. For information on this event, visit the website: www.ftga.org. The Chapter also is planning 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 will also be showcased.

For more information contact John Mascaro at 954-341-3115 or STMA@Turf-Tec.com.

South Carolina Chapter of STMA: The Chapter will participate in Clemson University’s Annual Turfgrass Field Day at the University’s Madron Center Pavilion September 14. Participants may choose between two events that afternoon: playing in the Charles P. Willimon, Sr. Memorial Turfgrass Research and Education Fundraising Golf Tournament at the Walker Course on campus or visiting the sports field facilities at the University.

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

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The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will hold a general meeting on September 15 at UCI. For information, call Eric Johnson, University of Southern California, at 213-821-5654 or email ejohnson@busaff.usc.edu.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: CSTMA will hold a Fairing Workshop at the University of Colorado September 18. For information on the Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit www.CSTMA.org or call 303-346-8954, or contact Chapter President Ryan Jensen at 303/464-5687 or rjensen@ci.broomfield.co.us.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): MiSTMA is planning a half-day hands-on workshop for September 21 in the Kalamazoo area. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, contact MiSTMA Headquarters at 517-712-3407, or email Amy Fouty, Michigan State University, at fouty@ath.msu.edu, or go to www.mistma.org.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will hold a Workshop September 22 at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, NE. Event host will be Jesse Cuevas.

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.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will participate in the Iowa Chapter’s Workshop September 22 at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha. Event host will be Jesse Cuevas.

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

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will hold a Golf Tournament and Meeting September 29 at the City of Bridgeton Course. For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, call Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College, 314-392-2328 or email krone@mobap.edu.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: Rutgers University will be hosting a Sports Turf Workshop in conjunction with SFMANJ on Thursday, October 7, at Hort. Farm II in North Brunswick. Highlights include field tours of turfgrass traffic tolerance research and variety trials.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call SFMANJ at 908-730-7770 or Eleonora Murff-Herrmann at 908-236-9118; or e-mail to HM@sfmanj.org or visit the chapter's website: www.sfmanj.org.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association: The 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 Meford at dbmef000@email.uky.edu or call him at 859-257-1451.

Midwest Chapter STMA: The Chapter is offering scholarships and Field/Facility Awards to its members. Applications for each were sent out in 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, Arizona, January 19-23, 2005. The awards and scholarships will be presented at the Illinois Professional Turf Conference (IPTC) scheduled for November 30 to December 2, 2004.

For information on the Chapter, or pending activities, visit http://mcsstma.org or call Libby Baker at 847-263-7603 or email Bake6016@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: bmurphy@ci.scottsdaleaz.us or 480-312-7966.

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

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Chapter, or pending activities, call Michael Tarantino at 958-679-2526 or MTarantino@powayusd.com.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA: Formerly Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA: For information on the Chapter, or other pending activities, call the Hotline at 866-818-8873 or email Nick Gammill, CSFM, at ngammill@american.edu.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Skip Kirby at 770-928-1590 or email skip@sportsturfmanagement.com.

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

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA): For information on the 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.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Mike Green at 913-888-8055 or mikegreen@3and2baseball.com.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the chapter or pending events, contact Bob Christopherson at bchrist@mariners.org.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Chapter President, Bob Elliott, Tico, at 800-239-9547 or Glenn Lucas at 800-837-8062; email to Glenn@tvstma.org, or visit the chapter’s website: www.tvstma.org.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter, or other upcoming events, contact: Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority via e-mail: Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703-324-8590.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: For more information on the Chapter, or other pending events, contact Chris Brindley at 715-346-3622 or cbindle@uwsp.edu.

Forming Chapters: North Florida STMA Chapter: The newly forming North Florida Chapter will meet September 22 at the University of North Florida Sports Complex. Events begin at 9 AM. For more information contact: Mark Clay at 904-633-6116 or Jay McCord at 904-448-2583.

Other Area News: Canada’s Sports Turf Managers 17th Annual Field Day will be held from 8 AM-3 PM September 16 at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre in Mississauga, Ontario. For more information contact 519-763-9431 or visit the website: www.sportsturfassociation.com.