

# STMA Conference Program 2007

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

This session kicks off with concurrent sessions in 6 areas from 8:00 - 11:15AM.

Concurrent Sessions 8:00 - 11:15AM

#### TRAFFIC

Moderator: John Stier, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin

#### 8:00 - 8:45AM

# Investing in Safe High Use Community Fields

### Joann Gruttadaurio, Cornell University

Learn ways to communicate effectively the importance of safe sports fields and the benefits and costs of implementing best management practices. Also learn strategies to use when working with and involving community leaders and groups to secure support and resources for managing these high-use sports fields.

#### 8:45 - 9:30AM

#### Variety Selection and Management of Kentucky Blue Grass Brad Park, Rutgers - The State

### University of New Jersey

This presentation will report on the results of traffic tolerance trials conducted at Rutgers University on the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP). Kentucky bluegrass tests, as well as research examining the effects of seasonal wear applications and individual traffic components on Kentucky bluegrass varieties. This research provides practical information that can aid sports field managers in the selection of Kentucky bluegrass varieties for sports fields.

#### 9:30 - Break

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#### Keeping High Trafficked Athletic Fields Safe and Playable: Going Beyond Traditional Sound Agronomic Practices Jason Henderson, Ph.D., University of Connecticut

This presentation will cover the latest techniques to solve the perennial challenge of maintaining turfgrass cover on areas of athletic fields that receive the most intense traffic. In addition, this seminar will offer nontraditional methods that will help alleviate this problem.

#### 10:30 - 11:15AM

#### Management Strategies for Intense Traffic

#### Mike Goatley, Ph.D., Virginia Tech

This presentation will consider how factors such as turfgrass varietal selection, chemical, cultural, and use management programs can be applied to optimize turf density and playing quality under heavy traffic conditions.

#### FIELD CONSTRUCTION

Moderator: James McAfee, Ph.D., Texas Cooperative Extension

#### 8:00 - 8:45AM

#### One Percent is Not Enough Norman Hummel, Ph.D., Hummel & Co. Inc.

This presentation will discuss some principles of field designs as they relate to surface drainage, a discussion on field surface drainage options, including proper pitch/slope, bypass systems, soil modification, and sand based systems.

#### 8:45 - 9:30AM You Want What? A Guide to Specification Writing for Sports Facilities

#### Jeffrey L. Bruce, Jeffrey L. Bruce & Co. LLC

This session will demystify writing clear specifications by providing an understanding of the basic organization and structure of specifications. Developing a good solid understanding of specifications systems is critical for the success of anyone that manages construction projects. Learn about the products, services and industry resources available to you as well as common pitfalls of writing construction specifications.

#### 9:30 - Break

#### 9:45 - 10:30AM Tubby Raymond Field at the University of Delaware Sam Jones, University of Delaware

Tom Taylor, University of Delaware

Presentation will show the progression of construction and maintenance of this field from "grass and dirt" through a modified Cambridge System to a 100% sand based system. Included will be the team approach to restoring a field with reps from Athletics, Grounds Services and Facilities Planning and Construction. After a disastrous 2005 game in heavy rain the relocation of the next home game to the opponent's field due to poor field conditions, the University of Delaware made a commitment to make emergency repairs to finish the 2005 season and to build a new field ready for play in September 2006.

#### 10:30 - 11:15AM Do I Have to Rebuild my Field? John Mascaro, Turf-Tec International

We will look at a series of over 100 photographs showing how to know when it is time to re-build your field. From visual testing to testing with ASTM Standards, you can determine how good or bad your field is and whether it is time for reconstruction. If reconstruction is necessary, we will look at the new ASTM Standards for doing it with some old school knowledge. If the field doesn't need reconstruction, we will look at how to bring it back to life.

#### ECO-BALANCED ATHLETIC FIELDS

Moderator: Grady Miller, Ph.D., North Carolina State University

#### 8:00 - 8:45AM

#### Minimizing Pesticides - Innovative Solutions for Intensely Trafficked Fields Frank S. Rossi, Ph.D., Cornell University

Learn how to manage high traffic sports turf with limited inputs and especially no pesticides. It stresses identifying your high traffic areas and focusing your inputs where you need them most.

#### 8:45 - 9:30AM

#### Competitive Turf: Overseeding for Weed Management

**Eric M. Lyons, University of Guelph** In sports field management, overseeding is primarily used to facilitate quick recovery from

traffic and heavy use. Weed reduction and prevention has been observed as a result of overseeding. This presentation will discuss a current research project with field plots at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute, the University of Guelph, and the municipality of Oakville in Ontario.

#### 9:30 - Break

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#### 9:45 - 10:30AM Sports Turf IPM: Theory vs. Reality Rich Watson, Pine Hill Public Schools

This presentation will show what happens when the IPM strategies don't exactly mesh with the realities of life in a K-12 school district. Communication, preparation, education, product selection, and having an open mind to try new things will be key topics of the discussion.

#### 10:30 - 11:15AM

#### Components of an Effective Organic Fertility Program for Cool Season Sports Field Mary Owen, University of

Massachusetts at Amherst

Understand the characteristics of organic fertilizer materials and how to incorporate these materials into an effective integrated management system.

#### SYNTHETIC FIELDS

Moderator: Darian Daily, Cincinnati Bengals

#### 8:00 - 8:45AM

#### The New Synthetics: Where We Are 7 Years Later

#### Webb Cook, A-Turf, Inc.

Join this open format where you can discuss the management of the new synthetics, the different issues we are now seeing on fields that are five years and older, and focus on specific experiences that a number of different turf managers have seen with these types of fields.

#### 8:45 - 9:30AM

#### The Replacement Process of a Synthetic Field Debra Kneeshaw, City of Portland Parks and Recreation

Including setting up a replacement fund upon installation, collecting funds for replacement, removing and reusing the original synthetic field and infill, and reinstallation without disruption of base.

#### 9:30 - Break

#### 9:45 - 10:30AM Bringing Synthetic Turf to Life Jay Warnick, CSFM, BYU-Idaho

A discussion about the impacts of synthetic turf on our industry, and the facilities we work at. Some tips on how to enter into the planning phase and making sure your voice is heard.

#### 10:30 - 11:15AM What You Need to Know About Synthetic Surfaces Mark Nicholls, Sportexe

This presentation will provide detailed discussions regarding the key items to consider before purchasing a synthetic surface and how to maintain synthetic surfaces professionally.

#### BASEBALL INFIELD MIXES

Moderator: Craig Potts, Texas A&M University

#### 8:00 - 8:45AM Infield Management for all Levels of Participation Mike Schiller, CSFM, Lake Forest Academy

This session will cover infield management at all levels of competition. You will be shown pictures and techniques that have been seen or used over the last 36 years. Various types of materials available for infield maintenance will be discussed.

### 8:45 - 9:30AM

### Maintaining Skin Area in the NCAA Environment

#### Kris Harris, Georgia Tech. Theories on infield skin maintena

Theories on infield skin maintenance and why they may not work for you. A normal day of infield skin maintenance, and why it all starts in December.

#### 9:30 - Break

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This presentation will review the results of a study of skinned infield maintenance procedures conducted at Penn State in 2006. The affects of various levels of sub-base compaction, soil texture, calcined clay application rates, dragging practices, and irrigation regimes on ball bounce (pace), surface hardness, and traction will be discussed. Pennbounce, a unique piece of research equipment designed to measure the pace of skinned infields, will be discussed as well.

#### 10:30 - 11:15AM

#### East and West Coast Infield Variations Bill Deacon, New York Mets

This presentation will focus on differences and similarities in managing infields at the professional level on the East and West coasts. It will also include what changes we have made at Shea Stadium this past year.

#### BUDGETING & COMMUNICATING FOR THE PROFESSIONAL Moderator: George Trivett, CSFM,

Hudson Middle School

#### 8:00 - 8:45AM

#### Developing Efficiencies, Creating Alternative Funding Sources for Sports Field Maintenance

#### Jim Carr, Jim Carr & Assoc.

This session will address the importance of continually looking for and developing efficiencies in your operation, while at the same time identifying and creating alternative funding sources for maintenance activities. Participants will learn successful strategies being used by resourceful public agencies and private facilities across the country.

#### 8:45 - 9:30AM Working with Volunteers

## Jeffrey T. Fowler, Penn State University

We never have enough help on our fields, yet many parents bring kids to our fields to play. *Continued on page 18* 

# John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

# Can you identify this sports turf problem?



Problem: Green lines on grass in winter Turfgrass Area: Grass tennis courts Location: Northern Central U.S. Grass Variety: Bentgrass

Answer to John Mascaro's Photo Quiz on Page 38 John Mascaro is President

of Turf-Tec International

# January 17-20, 2007 STMA Annual Conference & Exhibition

### San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter and Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

#### Tuesday, January 16

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2:00 - 7:00PM	Registration & Merchandise Open
4:00 - 8:00PM	<b>STMA Certification Exam</b> (pre-qualification and pre-registration required)
4:00 - 8:00PM	Chapter Officers Training (COTS) and Idea Exchange Session. Reception immediately following.
Wednesday, Janu	ary 17
6:30AM - 7:00PM	Early Registration
6:45AM - 3:00PM	Optional: SAFE Golf Tournament - sponsored by Jacobsen, a Textron Company (additional fee of \$125 befo 12/15/06 or \$150 after 12/15/06 and pre-registration required)
7:00AM - 3:00PM	Optional: Seminar on Wheels Tour of Sports Facilities (additional fee of \$60 before 12/15/06 or \$70 after 12/15/06 and pre-registration required)
4:30 - 6:30PM	Sports Turf Networking Kick-Off
7:00 - 7:30PM	First Time Attendees Get Together Reception
7:30 - 10:00PM	Welcome Reception
Thursday, January	/ 18
6:45 - 7:45AM	Networking Breakfast: A Forum for Women in the Indust

**Registration & Merchandise Open** 

**Concurrent Educational Sessions** 

Lunch and STMA Annual Meeting

**Continental Breakfast** 

**General Sessions** 

4:00 - 8:30PM	Grand Opening of the Trade Show/Reception
8:30 - 9:00PM	SAFE Live and Silent Auctions

#### Friday, January 19 6:45 - 7:55AM **CSFM** Breakfast 7:00AM - 5:00PM **Registration & Merchandise Open** 7:30 - 8:00AM **Continental Breakfast** 8:00 - 10:00AM 3rd Annual Student Collegiate Challenge 8:00 - 10:00AM **Concurrent Educational Sessions** 10:00AM - 2:45PM Trade Show Open with Lunch Educational Sessions/PM Workshops 3:00 - 5:15PM 6:30 - 7:30PM **Pre-Awards Banquet Reception** 7:30 - 10:00PM **Awards Banquet**

#### Saturday, January 20

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7:00 - 7:55AM	Past Presidents' Breakfast
7:00AM - 12:00PM	Registration
7:30 - 8:00AM	Continental Breakfast
8:00AM - 12:00PM	Educational Sessions (additional fee of \$30 and pre-registration required)
8:00AM - 12:00PM	Certification Exam
9:00AM - 4:00PM	Optional: Offsite Seminar/Workshop conducted by
	MLB/NFL/MLS (additional fee of \$60 before 12/15/06 or \$70 after 12/15/06, and pre-registration required)
12:15 - 1:15PM	Lunch

7:00AM - 7:00PM

11:30AM - 12:45PM

7:30 - 8:00AM

8:00 - 11:15AM

1:00 - 4:00PM

This session will talk about ways to involve volunteers in our field maintenance calendar. 9:30 - Break

#### 9:45 - 10:30AM Communicating with Coaches Eric Fasbender, University of Oregon

Believe it or not, coaches can play a key role in how our fields look and perform. This session will explain how to communicate effectively with your coaches to eliminate their headaches as well as yours.

#### 10:30 - 11:15AM Behind the Scenes at Beaver Stadium-A View from the Crew Paul Curtis, Penn State University

The talk provides an insight into what our crew does at Penn State, ideas and inventions we have come up with and questions will be answered from anyone who wants to see how a "guy on the crew" would react to ideas they have.

#### **GENERAL SESSION**

1:00 - 4:00PM

#### 1:00PM

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> General Session 1 - International Development in Sports Turf Management

Introductory Remarks - STMA President Michael Trigg, CSFM Superintendent of Parks, Waukegan Park District

**Program Highlights - David Minner, Ph.D.** *Iowa State University* 

**Turfgrass Research - Trey Rogers, Ph.D.** *Michigan State University* 

Safety Research - John Orchard, Ph.D. University of New South Wales, Australia

**Innovative Practices - Martyn Jones** National Turfgrass Foundation, Manchester UK

2:45 - 3:00PM Break

#### 3:00PM



#### General Session 2 Keynote Address by Roy Firestone

Critically acclaimed for his work in broadcast journalism, Firestone

has won seven Emmy Awards and seven Cable ACE Awards. He has interviewed more than 5,000 people, including nearly every major sports figure. An accomplished singer, impressionist, and humorist, Firestone will deliver a thought provoking message in a vibrant multimedia show.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 8:00 - 10:00AM

STMA Student Challenge presented in partnership with the SAFE Foundation Moderator: Jeff Salmond

Concurrent Sessions 8:00AM - 10:00AM

#### SCHOOLS K-12

Moderator: Lance Tibbetts, CSFM

#### 8:00 - 8:30AM Understanding Mathematics for Pesticide/Fertilizer Applications Mark Hall, Texas A&M University

This presentation will provide an explanation and examples of concepts such as rate/analysis, equalities and cancellation of units in calculations commonly encountered in turf grass management.

#### 8:30 - 9:00AM Avoiding Pitfalls in Sports Field Construction James McAfee, Ph.D., Texas Cooperative

### Extension and Tommy Burnside, Burnside Services, Inc.

Improper construction/renovation of sports fields in Texas is a common problem. This presentation will cover the basic steps to make sure proper specifications are developed for the job and show how to monitor the actual construction/renovation project.

9:00 - 9:30AM

#### Aerification Program for Sports Fields for Maximum Results

#### Larry Rider, Turgrass Professionals/Texas

Learn how to assess your aerification program, how to maximize the benefits of aerification, and how to schedule aerification programs.

#### 9:30 - 10:00AM

#### Developing A Weed Control Program for Your Sports Field

#### Hennen Cummings, Ph.D., Tartleton State University

What has worked in the past and what will work in the future to control weeds in sports turf is presented for managers with varying equipment, budgets, time, and expectations. Weed control programs do not solely rely on herbicides for weed management. Find out what you can adapt to your program.

#### PARKS & REC

Moderator: Chris Calcaterra, CSFM

8:00 - 8:30AM Designing Irrigation Systems for Large Sports Field Complexes Brad Waters, Rain Bird

#### 8:30 - 9:00AM Controlling Fire Ants and Other Insects on Sports Fields

#### Jim Reinert, Texas A&M University

This presentation will cover all turf insects/mites and fire ants as they impact sports fields. Their behavior, biology and management (cultural, and chemical/biological) will be outlined.

#### 9:00 - 9:30AM

#### Managing Large Sport Field Complexes Miles Studhalter, FC Dallas/Pizza Hut Park This presentation will give an overview of Pizza Hut

Park, talk about daily maintenance, talk about events, number and type of events, and construction challenges.

#### 9:30 - 10:00AM

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#### **PROFESSIONAL FIELDS**

Moderator: Abby McNeal, CSFM 8:00 - 8:30AM

#### Improving Your Value and Resume Building

**Ross Kurcab, CSFM, Denver Broncos** Being a successful sports turf manager involves so much more than skills in the field. Today's sports turf managers can become a most integral part of the organizational plan, and in turn, they can elevate their position and professionalism. Whether you are a new rookie, or a wily veteran, you need to "Brand" yourself and your operation as a professional.

#### 8:30 - 9:00AM

Nutrient Management Strategies for Sand Based Sports Fields Richard H. White, Ph.D., Texas A&M University This workshop will provide participants with the knowledge to develop a nutrient management plan for sand based sports fields that enhances turfgrass performance and that is environmentally sound.

#### 9:00 - 9:30AM Building and Managing Infield Dirt in a 2-Sport Venue

#### Larry DiVito, Washington Nationals

RFK Stadium in Washington, DC is the only venue in the country that hosts 2 major professional sports simultaneously from April to October and maintenance of the field requires creative thinking and flexible planning.

9:30 - 10:00AM New Field - Heavy Event Schedule, Manage to Survive Abby McNeal, CSFM, AEG/Toyota Park Toyota Park opened up in June, almost half way thru the MLS season and still has hosted 16 home games. The talk will be about how the staff handled the heavy loaded event schedule, including two concerts to home game turnovers, with a young field.

#### **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**

Moderator: Mike Andresen, CSFM

#### 8:00 - 8:30AM Benefits of Silicon in Turf Lawrence Datnoff, Ph.D., University of Florida

This presentation will cover the benefits of silicon in the life and performance of turfgrass. General information will be given about silicon in soil, plants, and its affects on abiotic (i.e., heat stress, drought stress, mineral toxicities and wear tolerance) and biotic (plant disease and insects) stress.

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#### 8:30 - 9:00AM

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#### Using New Heat Tolerant Kentucky Bluegrass Varieties in Sports Fields Travis Teuton, University of Missouri-Columbia

This presentation will include fertility, mowing height, and herbicide tolerances of the new heat tolerant Kentucky bluegrass varieties.

#### 9:00 - 9:30AM

#### Understanding Surface Related Injuries James Brosnan, Penn State University

This presentation will review the different types of surface related injuries that can occur in athletics, and will explain how excessively hard playing surfaces can cause injury.

#### 9:30 - 10:00AM Don't Paint Yourself into a Corner: Know What's in Your Paint! Richard H. White, Ph.D., Texas A&M

**University** This presentation will outline the reasons and preventions for acute and chronic injury to natural grass fields by field marking paints

#### PLAY IT AGAIN - POPULAR PROGRAMS REPEATED Moderator: Jay Warnick, CSFM

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#### Friday PM Workshops: 3:00 - 5:15 PM

#### Workshop #1 Maximizing Limited Budgets - Rational Decisions About Products and Field Management Robert Carrow, Ph.D., University of Georgia/Griffin Campus

This presentation focuses on how to make rational and economic decisions for selecting new products and technologies by: a) determining how to identify primary, secondary, and perceived but non-existent problems, so that products/technologies can be targeted to real/basic problems; b) clarifying areas of confusion such as soil amendments, biostimulants, soil microbial additives, foliar applied materials, etc., and c) providing common-sense guidelines to determine when to use a new product or technology.

Workshop #2

#### The Ten Commandments of Environmental Turf Craft Kevin Trotta, North Rockland Central School District

This presentation will address the art and science of sports turf management and environmental stewardship.

#### Workshop#3 A Panel Discussion on Rubber Infill Systems Leader: Darian Daily, Cincinnati Bengals Webb Cook, A-Turf Inc. Debra Kneeshaw, City of Portland Parks & Recreation Jay Warnick, BYU-Idaho Mark Nicholls, Sportexe

An interactive discussion about the issues impacting rubber infill systems, including manufacturing and sales, construction and maintenance.

#### Workshop #4 Student Workshop Work or Graduate School, What I Need to Know

#### Leader: Lynda Wightman, Hunter Industries

This workshop is designed to help you determine which path is right for you: graduate school or entering the workforce.

#### **Putting My Education to Work**

David Bicknell, Texas Rangers How Your Education Can Benefit My Facility

Raechel Volkening, CSFM, Milwaukee Brewers

Transitioning Your Bachelors Degree to an Advanced Degree

John Sorochan, Ph.D., University of Tennessee

A Graduate Student's Perspective on Graduate School Graduate Student Scholarship Winner

#### Workshop #5

Assessing Sport Field Conditions With New Technologies - Using Sensors, GPS and GIS Maps to More Efficiently Manage Turf

Van Cline, Ph.D., The Toro Company Several technologies are emerging that will help

sports turf managers more accurately assess field conditions. Better information on soil compaction, soil moisture, irrigation performance and turf health will allow managers to more precisely target cultural practices, assess the effectiveness of those practices, and more efficiently use water, chemicals, equipment and manpower to keep fields in good condition. This seminar will discuss the use of various mobile sensors, GPS and GIS mapping software to keep track of important agronomic conditions in easily understood useable maps.

#### Workshop #6

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> Preparing for the CSFM Exam Leader: Mike Schiller, CSFM, Lake Forest Academy Mary Owen, University of Massachusetts, Amherst George Trivett, CSFM, Hudson Middle School

#### Matt Carl, CSFM, Prairie Ridge Sports Complex

This presentation will detail the particulars of the CSFM program and the importance of becoming a CSFM, address how a sports turf manager can determine his or her eligibility and begin the application process, encourage potential CSFMs to embark upon the process of becoming a CSFM, present information on the construction of the exam, provide an opportunity for attendees to take a practice exam and provide a forum for potential CSFMs to ask questions about the program and the process.

#### Workshop #7

#### Warm Season Grass Management John Sorochan, Ph.D., University of Tennessee Grady Miller, Ph.D., North Carolina

### State University

This presentation will focus on species and variety selection, management including fertility and cultivation, overseeding and Plant Growth Regulators and Crumb Rubber Topdressing.

#### Workshop #8

Sports Field Management in Drought/ Adverse Weather Conditions

#### James McAfee, Ph.D., Texas Cooperative Extension

Many areas of the country are experiencing extended drought conditions, especially in the south. This adverse weather condition has resulted in water restrictions in many areas of the south, making it difficult to maintain quality sports fields. This presentation will cover proper cultural practices for maintenance of sports fields during drought conditions as well as how to prepare your field to survive extended drought conditions.

#### Field Construction to Conserve Water Mike Kelly, Glen Rehbein Company

Discussion of how new technology in turf can be a positive influence on water use and storm water management.

#### How Water Quality Affects Your Sports Field

#### Nick Christians, Ph.D., Iowa State University

Basic principles of soil science and water quality will be discussed.

### Workshop #9 Drainage Concepts and Issues

Andy McNitt, Ph.D., Penn State University This presentation is designed primarily for individuals maintaining natural soil athletic fields and less appropriate for those maintaining sand based rootzones.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 Concurrent Sessions

8:00AM - 12:00PM

#### NEW TECHNOLOGY

Hand-held, Mobile, and In-Place Sensors for Site Assessment: Equipment, Protocols, and Applications Robert Carrow, Ph.D., University of Georgia, Griffin Campus

This workshop will focus on: a) proper use of hand-held testing devices/sensor units in turfgrass situations to assess soil, turf, playing field characteristics, and climate conditions, b) current and projected future types and uses of inplace sensors, and c) current and projected future use of mobile sensors for assessing spatial variability of plant-soil-climatic-field characteristics.

#### GRASS MANAGEMENT

Constructing, Managing, and Testing Sports Turf Root Zones Jason Henderson, University of Connecticut John Sorochan, Ph.D., University of Tennessee

During this workshop attendees will receive hands-on experience evaluating the physical and engineering properties of various native soils and root zones mixes for the purposes of constructing and/or maintaining athletic fields. Attendees will help conduct laboratory performance testing procedures and interpret results to assess the materials suitability for root zone construction and/or topdressing material. Come prepared to get your hands dirty.

#### FERTILIZERS

#### Fertilizers for Sports Fields Brad Jakubowski, University of Nebraska Tom Samples, Ph.D., University of

Tennessee

This hands-on workshop will focus on the importance of purchasing and applying granular fertilizers according to their analysis, nitrogen source(s), method of nitrogen release and physical characteristics. Information presented during this hands-on workshop is intended to help managers maintain healthy turf grasses by selecting and applying fertilizers that will deliver the desired results within budget. Interpreting soil tests and building fertilizer programs will also be stressed. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own soil tests to be used during the workshop.

#### SPANISH FOR THE SPORTS TURF MANAGER

#### Getting Started with Hispanic Labor, Legal and Communication Issues Steve Valdez, Carpe Diem Consulting Services

This workshop will also provide an understanding of sports turf practical terms in Spanish for better communication.



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