# Southeast Regional Sports Turf Conference & Trade Show

**Presented by the NC / SC STMA Chapters** 



Myrtle Beach, SC | DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront

## www.sesportsturf.org

Deadline to save on Early Bird Registration is October 31st!

#### SUNDAY November 11 - 1pm Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM) Proctored Exam \*\*OPTIONAL\*\* The CSFM exam will be proctored. Please note, pre-registration with STMA is required, requirements must be met to sit for the exam.



# SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SPORTSTURF

**CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW** 

## Designed For:

Sports Turf Managers Crew Members Athletic Directors / Coaches Anyone Who Makes Decisions

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Students

### Leave With:

Time & Money Saving Techniques Build Supplier Relationships Latest Industry Research & Intelligence

Fresh Ideas for Staff

New Industry Products & Trends

## YOU'RE INVITED!

Join Us at the Southeast Regional Sports Turf Conference ` & Trade Show hosted by the NC/SC STMA!

On behalf of the NC/SC STMA chapters, conference planning committee, and DoubleTree Resorts, you are invited to join us at YOUR 10th annual conference.

Please join the conference committee and over 300 of your sports turf colleagues this November 11-14 and experience the value for yourself. You won't be dissapointed!

- State of the Art Conference Facilities
- Over 30 Educational Speakers Covering 14 Education Sessions
- Seven Panel Discussions
- Over 35 Trade Show Exhibitors
- Three Meals including Buffet Breakfast, Continental Breakfast & Luncheon
- Networking Opportunities
- Carolinas Cup Golf Tournament
- Advanced Workshops

#### - The Southeast Regional Sports Turf Conference & Trade Show Committee

## MONDAY November 12

#### 11am | 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Carolinas' Cup Golf Tournament Presented by John Deere Golf and Revels Turf and Tractor

Burning Ridge Golf Club 500 Burning Ridge Rd. / Conway, SC 29526





**Register online at www.**southeastregional-sports-turf2018.eventbrite.

Registration deadline: Nov. 6

#### 10am | Advanced Workshop Sponsored by Smith Turf & Irrigation Myrtle Beach High School

#### Fee: \$20/person \*\*Lunch Included\*\*

3302 Robert Grissom Parkway Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Gain first hand experience, including live demonstrations of baseball/softball soil analysis, field elevation survey, proper infield amendment selection, infield lip elimination, lazer grading, and mound/home plate renovation.

#### Luke Yoder - Nolan Thomas - Cliff Stewart - Clint Edmondson - AlanWilson

#### 8:30pm | Welcome Reception

#### Sponsored by Vereens Turf Products Lobby Bar

## Kick off the conference with networking and fun at our opening reception. Come early for complimentary refreshments and drinks.

## TUESDAY November 13-

7:00am - 8:00am | Buffet Breakfast Sponsored by Helena Chemical

#### 7:30am - 10:30am | **Registration** *Education Sessions Sponsored by Smith Turf & Irrigation*

8:00am - 8:20am | **Opening Session** 

#### Industry Update from 2018 STMA President

Sarah Martin, CSFM / Turf Manager City of Phoenix

Sarah K. Martin, CSFM, graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in Landscape Horticulture and Turfgrass Management. She has worked in A, AA and AAA minor league baseball as well as at the home of the Milwaukee Brewers' Spring Training in Phoenix. For the past 16 years Sarah has been employed with the City of Phoenix



Parks and Recreation Department. Martin has been a member of the National STMA since 1998 as well as being active in her local chapters. She currently holds the position of Vice-President of the Arizona STMA.

#### 8:30am - 9:30am | Open Panel Discussion

#### **2nd Floor Carolina Room - Getting Dirty** Matt Parrot - Chris Ball - Patrick Coakley

Moderator: Scott Stevens

Get dirty! Everything + more about infield dirt for baseball and softball fields!

#### 1st Floor Atlantic AB - Growing Some Grass

#### Scott Thompson - KC Bell - Jake Halloway - Cameron Brendle Moderator: Greg Burgess

High use fields? learn how to keep Growing Some Grass throughout the season! **1st Floor Atlantic CD - If You Field It....** McClain Murphy - Ian Christie - Clark Cox - Will Rogers

Moderator: Bruce Suddeth

From minor renovations to major field constructions, Listen to how these experts plan, construct, renovate, and problem solve issues on their fields.

#### 9:30am - 12:00pm | Trade Show

Meet face to face with industry vendors and learn more about the products and services available to you.





#### 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Buffet Lunch

#### Sponsored by Jacobsen

Continue your networking with lunch provided for all registered attendees.

#### 1:15pm - 2:00pm | Keynote Speaker 2nd Floor Carolina Room

#### Ray Tanner, Athletics Director University of Sourth Carolina

Athletic director at the University of South Carolina, a position he took on July 13, 2012 after spending 16 seasons as head coach of the university's baseball program. Gamecock student-athletes have led all schools in the SEC Academic Honor Roll, earning 911 recognitions in the last 10 reports. In the last five academic years, the Gamecocks have won two national



championships, eight SEC championships, and 21 teams finish in the Top 10 and 40 finish in the Top 25 during the last five years.

#### 2:10pm - 3:10pm | Pro Panel

## Designed for interactive knowledge sharing, come ready to discuss any topic with our Pro Panel.









#### Join our Pro Panel:

Justin Spillman Manager: Wrigley Field Playing Surface - Chicago Cubs John Turnour Director of Field Operations - Washington Nationals Chad Mulholland Director of Grounds - Miami Marlins

#### 3:15pm - 4:15pm | Interactive Breakouts

2nd Floor Carolina Room - Casey Carrick 2017 UNC FOOTBALL

1st Floor Atlantic AB NOAA Weather Issues

1st Floor Atlantic CD - Sarah Martin Managing Employees, Budgets, Interns, etc.

## 7:00pm | Networking Social Sponsored by Ewing Irrigation

**Damon's /** 2985 S. Ocean Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC The networking continues with a fun night at Damon's. Food will be provided.

## WEDNESDAY November 14 -

7:30am - 8:30am | Buffet Breakfast Sponsored by Helena Chemical

7:30am - 9:00am | Registration

Education Sessions Sponsored by Smith Turf & Irrigation

#### 8:30am - 11:30am | Pesticide Education Day

Update your license and learn more about safe chemical use on fields while earning pesticide credits at these three education sessions. Please refer to your state's pesticide sheet to verify the exact amount of credits available.

#### 8:30am - 9:30am: Work Life Balance

The hours that come with being a sports turf manager are often long and present challenges in establishing and maintaining an appropriate balance between work and home. How do you achieve a suitable balance between the two? Learn ways to achieve and maintain an appropriate balance between work and family.

#### Lisa Goatley & Dr. Michael Goatley, Jr.

Professor and Extension Specialist Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences, Virginia Tech

Lisa has been a psychotherapist for twenty-four years. She holds a Master's degree in Marriage & Family Therapy and is licensed to practice in Virginia. Dr. Goatley has BS and MS



degrees in Agronomy from the Univ. of Kentucky and received his PhD in Crop Science from Virginia Tech in 1988. He served on the faculty at Mississippi State University for 16 years before returning to Blacksburg in 2004. Goatley has coauthored four books on sports turf management. Past President of the STMA.

## 9:30am - 10:30am: Managing For A Sustainable Landscape: Steps to Prevent Stress, Pests, and Pathogens

Developing a landscape that is resilient to insects, diseases, and abiotic disorders takes knowledge about proper plant selection, installation, and management practices. Applying sound fertility programs, proper pruning, and water management practices.

#### **Dr. Barbara Fair** / Assoc. Professor in the Department of Horticultural Science and the Landscape Specialist for North Carolina, NC State University

Dr. Fair earned her Bachelor's and Master's from Penn State University and obtained her PhD from Ohio State University. She provides expertise to extension faculty and the green industry, focusing extensively on issues of landscape sustainability and arboriculture. In addition,



Barbara teaches Landscape Ecosystem Management and Green Infrastructure: The Functional Use of Plants in Urban Landscapes at NC State in the four year program. She is a certified arborist with an extensive arboriculture and urban forestry background.

#### **Conference Attire:**

Suggested attire is business casual. **No hats or shorts please.** 



Contact: Jeremy Bohonko, Sports Field Specialist jbohonko@ewingirrigation.com, 980.254.5100

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## Wednesday November 14 -

## 10:30am - 11:30am: How Field Management Can Influence Your Weed/Herbicide Management

A significant number of management practices may unknowingly influence the effectiveness of a herbicide program. Learn how to manage overseeding and colorant use for optimized weed control. Scheduling fields for reduced wear and other management tools to enhance turfgrass recovery to minimize weed pressure.

#### Dr. Grady Miller / Professor Turfgrass Management NC State University

Dr. Miller's training was at Louisiana Tech University (B.S. in Agriculture in 1988), Louisiana State University (M.S. in Agronomy & Soils in 1990) and Auburn University (Ph.D. in Agronomy & Soils in 1995). Prior to coming to NCSU, he was an Assistant/Associate/Professor at University of Florida working in Turfgrass Science teaching and research. In 2006 he was appointed Professor of Turfgrass Science at North Carolina State University with extension, research,



and teaching appointments. Dr. Miller directs his extension efforts toward general turfgrass management. The focus of his research program is to improve sports field, golf course, urban turfgrass, and utility turfgrass quality though evaluation of turfgrass management practices and procedures. His research activities are centered on cultivar evaluation, irrigation practices, turfgrass nutrition, and athletic field maintenance practices. He currently teaches the graduate class (CS755) Applied Research Methods and Analysis for Plant Sciences each fall.



Networking



**Education Sessions** 



# **REGISTRATION INFO:**

Thanks to the support of our NC/SC STMA Partners, we are able to maintain affordable conference registration fees while bringing increased value to attendees with more education sessions, opportunity to earn pesticide CE credits, networking time with vendors and peers, meals and more!

#### **Early Bird Registration Fee:**

\$80.00 (discounted registration ends October 31)

## **Regular Registration Fee:** \$110.00

#### **Register Online:**

southeast-regional-sports-turf2018.eventbrite.com



# **HOTEL INFO:**

The conference hotel is located across 27 acres on the South End of Ocean Blvd. in Myrtle Beach and was renovated in 2016. Featuring beautiful private beaches, fishing pier, mini-golf, new restaurants, and much more!

#### Room rate: \$75.00/night

Please book your rooms early!!! Last years room block sold out by October 1st. The link to book is here:

*http://group.doubletree.com/nc-scsportsturfmanagers* **Reservations:** Visit southeast-regional-sportsturf2018.eventbrite.com for our group's reservation code

**Reservation Deadline:** Discounted rate expires October 25 (*space permitting in room block*)

# **QUESTIONS:**

**Contact:** Bruce Suddeth at 864-542-4790 or bsuddeth@uscupstate.edu



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November 11-14, 2018 • Myrtle Beach, SC

- Learn the latest industry trends and technical info from sports turf experts
- Network with hundreds of your industry peers and company vendors in expanded trade show
- Designed for anyone working in the sports turf industry - school, municipal, collegiate or professional level
- Customize your learning path with selection of interactive breakout sessions on variety of topics

Register Now! Early bird pricing ends Oct. 31

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## SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SPORTSTURF

#### **Education Packed Conference!**

Back for its 10th year, The Southeastern Regional Turfgrass Conference & Tradeshow is your one stop Sports Turf educational destination!

Packed with industry educational sessions and numerous networking opportunities, the Southeast Regional Sports Turf Conference & Trade Show will give you the tools to improve your fields/facilities and further your career.

Plus, enjoy a stay at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront for the **low rate of** \$75/night! Discounted rates expire October 25 (space permitting in room block).

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