

Turf Terps Impress in San Diego



The 2013 Collegiate Turf Bowl team and coaches pictured with their checks. Left to Right: Justin Patenaude, Scott Hosier, Brent Waite, Brian Hogan, Dr. Kevin Mathias (coach), Trey Profili, Josh Malnik, Steve Brew, Bryan Shepherd, Brian Dearstine, R.J. Crow, Ryan Higgins, Matt Park, and Alex Steinman (coach)

Students from the University of Maryland's Institute of Applied Agriculture (IAA) and the Plant Science and Landscape Architecture Department (PSLA) set a school record in placing three teams in top spots (3rd, 4th, and 11th) at the 19th Annual Collegiate Turf Bowl in San Diego, CA on February 7, 2013. There were a total of 68 teams competing in this year's Turf Bowl and it is the first time UMD placed two teams in the top 5. Also noteworthy is that they were able to place above perennial power, Iowa State who placed 5th. The University of Massachusetts and the University of Arkansas placed 1st and 2nd respectively. Maryland's 3rd place team consisted of veterans Bryan Shepherd (IAA), Josh Malnik (IAA), R.J. Crow (IAA) and first year student Ryan Higgins (PSLA). The 4th place team had two new members in Brian Hogan (IAA) and Brent Waite (IAA) and were anchored by veterans Justin Patenaude (IAA) and

Scot Hosier (IAA). The 11th place team was just shy by 2 points from being a top 10 team and was led by Brian Dearstine (IAA) and Matt Park (IAA) working with first year competitors Steve Brew (IAA) and Trey Profili (PSLA).

The Collegiate Turf Bowl covers an array of different subject areas and a case study. Students must be able to

identify turfgrasses, insects, diseases, weeds and different types of soil based on texture differences.

They are also tested on personnel and business management related topics, IPM programs relating to pest control strategies and the basic concepts of turfgrass growth, and cultural practices related to golf turf management. In addition to

the Turf Bowl students attended educational talks, visited with vendors in the Trade Show, networked with alumni and golf turf professionals and were also able to enjoy a warm and sunny Southern California in February.



Students take time to visit the Trade Show at the Golf Industry Show in San Diego, CA. From left to right: Steve Brew, Brent Waite, Brian Hogan, Trey Profili, Ryan Higgins, and Alex Steinman (coach)