



## 6th Annual Conference & Exhibition a Huge Success!!

**O**ur 6th Annual STMA Conference & Exhibition, held February 4-8, 1995, in Bradenton, FL, was by all accounts a huge success. Attendance and exhibitor participation exceeded our expectations.

The 2nd Annual Seminar on Wheels proved once again to be a big hit. Stops included the Schroder Manatee Sod Farm & Polo Grounds, Manatee Community College, G.T. Bray Park, and Manatee High School.

We had a great turnout at the Golf Tournament at River Run Golf Links. It's always fun to meet new and old friends and enjoy a good game of golf.

All the educational sessions were very well attended and it would have been difficult NOT to have learned something from them. Dr. James Beard, Texas A & M University; and John Souter, Souter of Sterling, Ltd., opened the sessions with a look at "The Sports Turf Industry and its Future," reminding us that the future begins today, and we **all** need to be technologically prepared. Other sessions included Tom Mascaro, Turf-Tech International, on the Evolution in the Development of Turfgrass Equipment; and 30 other experts from the sports turf industry.

Both the Island Theme Night Dinner and the Annual STMA Awards Banquet gave everyone the opportunity to "let their hair down," and have a little good, clean fun. Keynote speaker at the Awards Banquet, Larry Barnett, Senior American League Umpire, made sure of that with a very entertaining look at baseball. Congratulations to all those who were honored at the banquet. A list of award winners is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Trade Show & Demonstration, held Tuesday, February 7th, was another very successful event.

Pirate City is a first class facility and it was a pleasure to be there, not only for the demonstrations, but just to witness what has been done there in the last few years.



Great job Mike Hurd and staff!!

Those of you who were able to attend know just what we mean, those of you who couldn't make it - see what you missed out on? We hope to see you all next year. We will be heading to California in 1996, exact dates and locations are soon to be finalized. Look for a formal announcement in future issues of Sports Turf Manager.

**Thank you** to all of you who could attend and helped to make this conference the success it was -- we couldn't have done it without you!

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