

Sports Turf Managers Win Big in Vegas!

Winners! That's what we have to say for all of you who were able to attend the Conference in Las Vegas. And, from all accounts, the Conference itself was a winner too!

Whether you golfed, toured or attended the Floyd Perry Seminar on Wednesday, everyone started off with a healthy dose of camaraderie and Las Vegas



(l to r: Paul Garris, *SPORTSTURF Magazine*; Kevin Meredith, *National Soccer Hall of Fame*; Ron Hall, *Landscape Management Magazine*; Brian Muntz, *Seed Research of Oregon*)

weather followed by a breathtaking view of the city from the top of the Riviera. Our first time attendees reception was the biggest ever - with over 200 first-timers!

Thursday mornings educational sessions started out with a bang - with insight into various sports aspects by Gene Smith, Arizona State University and Coaches Dwaine Knight and John Robinson of the University of Nevada/Las Vegas. After lunch, attendees had their pick of concurrent sessions covering the basics, technical information, tricks of the trade and professional development.

We then boarded the buses for the Cashman Center and our biggest trade show ever with 115 companies exhibiting their wares!

Friday gave attendees a 2nd opportunity to mix and mingle with vendors in the morning, followed by winning workshop sessions in the afternoon.

As always, the Awards Banquet was a huge success.



Catch the scoop on Award and Scholarship recipients inside this issue.

Saturday began with more concurrent sessions and an upbeat, interactive session on Maximizing your Potential, with Dr. Bree Hayes. After our Lunch and Annual Meeting, we adjourned to the ever popular Round-Table Discussions. The networking continued as the room literally buzzed with the information flow amid the groups clustered around the 14 discussion hubs. The remainder of Saturday was open for attendees to explore the city on their own.

Whether you were in Vegas or not, you can see that the STMA Conference & Exhibition is THE place to be, so make your plans NOW to be in San Antonio, January 15-19, 2003 for the 14th Annual Conference & Exhibition at the Hyatt Regency Hotel (on the Riverwalk) and the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. See you there!



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