

# TURF CONFERENCE

**Turf Conference** offers education for Golf, Sports Turf, Lawn Care and General Turf. We've even got a Turfgrass 101 for those that are new or aspiring to get into the industry.

Each *education track* was designed by committees and through feedback from the profession they represent. We then went out and found the best speakers to talk on those topics. That's how your education program was developed, with you first.

Each morning will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a coffee and roll mixer with education starting at 9:00 a.m. On Tuesday, lunch is included for all registrants and after education, a reception for all attendees.

## DAY ONE JANUARY 8 (8:00 am to 6:00 pm)

## GOLF

- 8:00 am **Registration**, Coffee and Roll Morning Mixer
- 9:00 am **The Year in Review** Derek Settle, CDGA and Ty McCellan, USGA. Derek will speak on all he saw in Illinois and Ty will cover the year from a larger perspective. Both will share their experiences from the past year and talk about the things we may see in 2013 as remnants from 2012.
- 10:00 am **All Things Putting Green Drainage** Trey Rogers, MSU will lead the discussion with brief presentations from local superintendents on different systems. Scott Pavalko, Cog Hill G & CC will cover SubAir, Brian Thomson, Biltmore CC and Kyle Jacobson, Twin Orchard CC will talk about the XGD system and Dave Behrman will discuss his use of the PC system.
- 11:30 am **Networking Lunch** Meet and eat with other industry professionals (included with registration)
- 1:30 pm **Practice Tee Management** Ty McCellan, United States Golf Association
- 2:00 pm **Sand Topdressing Fairways - State of the Art for the Midwest** Trey Rogers, Michigan State
- 2:30 pm **The Effects of Granular, Foliar, and Combination Fertilizer Programs on Turf Performance** Kevin Frank, Michigan State University
- 3:00 pm **Fescue Management for Golf Courses** Tom Voigt, University of Illinois
- 3:30 pm **Question & Answer** with all speakers
- 4:00 pm **Turf Conference Reception**

## DAY TWO JANUARY 9 (8:00 am to 12:00 pm)

- 8:00 am **Registration**, Coffee and Roll Morning Mixer
- 9:00 am **Winterkill of Turfgrasses - Understanding the Issues** Kevin Frank, Michigan State University
- 9:30 am **New Options for Controlling *Poa annua* on Golf Courses** Bruce Branham, University of Illinois
- 10:00 am **Waitea - What We Learned in 2012** Derek Settle, Chicago District Golf Association
- 10:30 am **Foliar Fertilization - What is the Value?** Shelby Henning, University of Illinois
- 11:00 am **Irrigation Strategies for Creeping Bentgrass using ET, Soil Moisture Sensor, and Rooting Depth** Kevin Frank, Michigan State University
- 12:00 pm **Conclusion** Turf Conference

## DAY ONE JANUARY 8 (1:00 pm to 4:15 pm)

## TURF 101

- 1:00 pm **Turfgrass Selection and Use** Tom Voigt, University of Illinois
- 2:00 pm **Turfgrass Fertility** Shelby Henning, University of Illinois
- 2:45 pm **Mowing and Irrigation** Ken Diesburg, Southern Illinois University
- 3:30 pm **Weed Management** Bill Sharp, University of Illinois
- 4:15 pm **Turf Conference Reception**

**Keeping it simple; Turf Conference.**

**Straightforward, education, networking, and relationships. Come be a part.**

Speakers, topics and times subject to change.

## DAY ONE JANUARY 8 (8:00 am to 12:00 pm)

SPORTS TURF AND LAWN CARE JOINT SESSION TUESDAY AM

Fertilizer Nitrogen - Advances, Concepts, and Problems

- 8:00 am **Registration**, Coffee and Roll Morning Mixer
- 9:00 am **Nitrogen Fertilizers - New Products and Technologies** Eric Miltner, Turfgrass Agronomist, Agrium Advanced Technologies
- 9:30 am **Purchasing Nitrogen Fertilizers - What Controls Nitrogen Prices?** Keith Woodruff, Mark Manager, ECGrow.
- 10:00 am **Nitrogen Fertilization - What about Stabilized Nitrogen?** Shelby Henning, University of Illinois
- 10:30 am **Environmental Issues and Fertilizer Use in Turfgrass** Eric Miltner, Turfgrass Agronomist, Agrium Advanced Technologies
- 11:00 am **Are Organic Fertilizers in your Future?** Bruce Branham, University of Illinois
- 11:30 am **Networking Lunch.** Meet and eat with other industry professionals (included with registration)

# SPORTS TURF LAWN CARE

## DAY ONE JANUARY 8 (1:30 pm to 6:00 pm)

SPORTS TURF TUESDAY PM AND WEDNESDAY

- 1:30 pm **The Hilltopper System** John Donahoe, Sports Turf Manager, University of Illinois
- 2:00 pm **Wear Issues on Artificial Turf** Jonathan Huard, Regional Sales Manager, FieldTurf Inc.
- 2:30 pm **Cost of Maintaining Natural Grass Fields** John Netwal, Iowa School District.
- 3:00 pm **Costs of Installing and Maintaining Artificial Turf Surfaces** Jonathan Huard, Regional Sale Manager, FieldTurf Inc.
- 3:30 pm **Question & Answer** with all speakers
- 4:00 pm **Turf Conference Reception**

# SPORTS TURF

## DAY TWO JANUARY 9 (8:00 am to 12:00 pm)

- 8:00 am **Registration**, Coffee and Roll Morning Mixer
- 9:00 am **Sandcapping of Athletic Fields** Trey Rogers, Michigan State University
- 9:30 am **Bermudagrass for Illinois Athletic Fields** John Donahoe, Sports Turf Manager, U of I.
- 10:00 am **Fast Grass - How to Establish Sports Fields Quickly** John Netwal, Iowa School District.
- 10:30 am **Poa annua Control in Sports Turf** Bruce Branham, University of Illinois
- 11:00 am **General Weed Control in Athletic Fields** Dave Gardner, Ohio State University
- 11:30 am **Question & Answer** with all speakers
- 12:00 pm **Conclusion** Turf Conference

## DAY ONE JANUARY 8 (1:30 pm to 6:00 pm)

LAWN CARE TUESDAY PM AND WEDNESDAY AM

- 1:30 pm **Lawn Insect Management & Control** Phil Nixon, University of Illinois
- 2:00 pm **University of Illinois Plant Clinic - Highlights from 2012** Travis Cleveland, University of Illinois
- 2:30 pm **Weed Control in Ornamental Beds** Dave Gardner, Ohio State University
- 3:00 pm **Honey Bees and Turfgrass Insecticides -What are the Environmental Impacts?** Phil Nixon, University of Illinois
- 3:30 pm **Question & Answer** with all speakers
- 4:00 pm **Turf Conference Reception**

# LAWN CARE

## DAY TWO JANUARY 9 (8:00 am to 12:00 pm)

- 8:00 am **Registration**, Coffee and Roll Morning Mixer
- 9:00 am **The Drought of 2012 and Options for Low Water Use Turfgrasses** Ken Diesburg, SIU
- 9:30 am **Broadleaf Weed Control - Options and Strategies**, Dave Gardner, OSU
- 10:00 am **Organic Lawncare/Natural Products for Weed Management** - Bill Sharp, U of I
- 10:30 am **Question & Answer** with all speakers
- 11:00 am **IPLCA** General Membership Meeting
- 12:00 pm **Conclusion** Turf Conference

# Turf Conference Registration

ALL REGISTRATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED ONLINE ITURF.ORG or fill out the following form and mail with payment to: Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, 11855 Archer Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439 or fax to: 630-257-0362

**PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY QUESTIONS? 630-243-9483**

\$150 ITF Member  
\$225 Non Member  
Early Bird Discount, Register by 12/1/12  
Before 12/1/12: ITF Member \$135, Non Member \$200.00

**Primary Registrant**     ITF Member     Non Member

ITF non members may join today and take advantage of member rates. Join below

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<b>Additional Registrants</b>		
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<b>ITF Member Dues for 2013</b>		
		<b>\$125                      \$125</b>

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