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While the calendar may not technically say we are officially in to summer, working outside in these temps tells me that summer is into full swing! That means everyone is coring, top dressing, spraying, fertilizing and doing everything we can to get growth and recovery. In order to do all of these things we need some good equipment to help us out. That is where our outstanding vendors come into play. We were able to witness several different demonstrations of equipment at our recent Field Days.



TXSTMA hosted two different field days this past month, from Region 2 and Region 1. The first field day was May 23rd at St. Edwards University in Austin. This field day was facilitated by Weston Floyd and hosted by Garrett Reddehase and his amazing maintenance team. The second field day was held May 31st in Farmers Branch. This Region 1 field day was facilitated

by Russell Coe and hosted by Robin Edwards and his outstanding staff. Both field days were well attended and boasted outstanding product demos by vendors as well as facility tours and keen maintenance tips. Thank you to all that attended and participated!

These field days are extremely valuable in my opinion for two reasons. First the different vendors and equipment that you are able to visit with and see in one spot is rivaled only by our National Conference. Second, these field days are attended by some of the most creative and innovative grounds personnel. To be able to ask questions to vendors and grounds professionals is a vital component for learning and helping garner success. I always say that I might not have the answer but I have a lot of contacts that can help me to find a good answer to my quandary.

As we work to set up future field days and events I encourage you to try and find the time to attend. You just never know what kind of amazing nuggets of information you will find. Be sure to check your email as well as social media for future sites and dates for upcoming field days.

As the temps continue to climb, I hope that everyone will stay hydrated and take breaks while working outside. You might want to try the new slushy from Sonic, pickle juice flavor! Not sure I would pick that one but some might like it.



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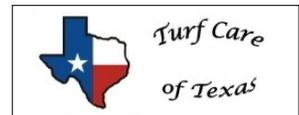
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Region 2 Spring Field Day St. Edwards University, Austin



**Facility Tours, Product and Equipment Demos, Education,
Tabletop Tradeshow, Lunch and Networking Opportunities**

What a great day in Austin at St. Edwards University!
Thank you to all of our sponsors who made the day possible. Thank you to our hosts, Ryan-Sanders Sports!

We had great educational speakers for the event and the tours of the facilities were very interesting and informative. Thank you to our vendors who participated in the great equipment demonstrations.

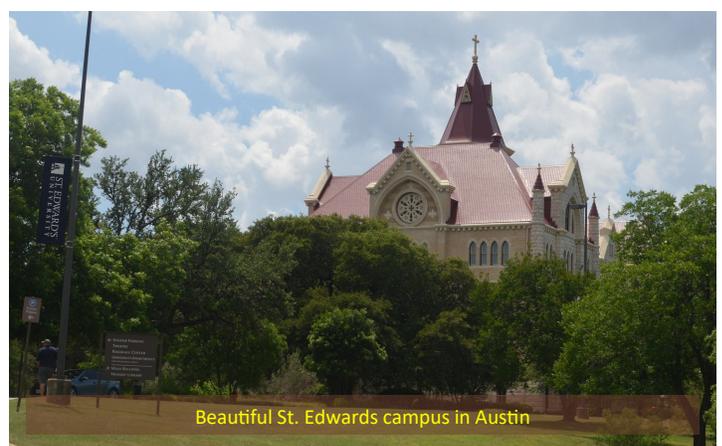
[Check out the pictures from the event](#)



Our host Garrett Reddehase (left) of Ryan Sanders Sports presented a plaque of appreciation by TXSTMA President Elect Weston Floyd



St. Edwards Head Groundskeeper Jordan Barr did a great job hosting the facility tours . Fields and conditions looked great.



Beautiful St. Edwards campus in Austin



Thank you to our meeting educational speakers and to everyone who helped make a great day at St. Edwards.

Row 1

- (L) President Elect Weston Floyd.
- (C) Jeff Kadlec - GLK Turf Solutions
- (R) Todd Gilmour - Turf Care of Texas



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Region 2

Field Day

FALL REGION FIELD DAYS!



The TXSTMA Board of Directors is now planning the Fall Region Field Days.

Are you interested in hosting an event at your facility?

Please contact your regional director if you have an interest. We love to have events at all types of facilities so please consider this opportunity to provide educational opportunities for your fellow members.

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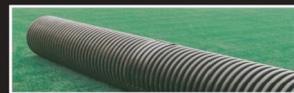
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Enhancing Athletic Field Safety - July 2 at 1 pm ET

Dr. Gerald Henry, Athletic Association Endowed Professor from University of Georgia

Performance testing of sports fields is necessary to quantify surface properties such as hardness and traction. Enhancements in sensor/sampling technology and increased concern for athlete safety and field performance has driven interest. Spatial maps created from sensors/samplers can depict variability of soil and plant parameters that directly impact turfgrass health, field playability, and player safety. Information generated from sensors/samplers can be used to adjust irrigation systems, implement site-specific management, rotate fields, determine optimal playing conditions, justify equipment use/purchase, and better understand the influence of field conditions on player safety.



Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ut8uRUeYRpe4Ofd0_I9sfA

Athlete Interaction with the Sports Surface

Awareness and Action Items: Resources that sports field managers, trainers, and administrators can use to improve the safety and playability of sports surfaces - July 10 at 2 pm ET

Dr. Andrew McNitt, Professor of Soil Science at Penn State University



This webinar will review informational resources and techniques that can be used to improve the safety and playability of sports fields. Much of the seminar will focus on issues surrounding infilled synthetic turf systems, but some information will be provided on improving natural turfgrass surfaces as well. Topics will include: proper cleat selection for synthetic vs. natural turfgrass surfaces, why you should monitor and maintain proper infill depth and surface evenness, what can you do about high surface temperatures, infill selection (is tire crumb carcinogenic?), common pitfalls during the design and installation of synthetic turf, is it reasonable to consider mid-season resodding of natural turf, what does it take to improve and maintain natural grass surfaces, evaluating varying techniques to monitor surface hardness, inlay marking issues, MRSA and turf disinfectants, snow removal and others. Bring your questions!

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Know Your Audience: Strategies for Discussing Pest Management - August 13th at 2:30 pm ET

Dr. Jim Brosnan, Associate Professor in the Plant Science Department at the University of Tennessee

Use of pesticides on athletic fields has faced increased scrutiny in recent years. Many field managers feel comfortable discussing the merits of pesticide use to others within the industry but fail to effectively communicate the benefit and safety of pest control with the general public. This presentation will provide training on how to discuss pesticide use with those outside of the green industry.



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Notes from the TXSTMA Communications Director Dan Bergstrom, CSFM



We recently rented two Air2G2 units to help prep our field for a rugby match. We were expecting heavy rains, so we opened the field up with these machines to help move water through the field. Thank you to GLK Turf Solutions for the quick and responsive service.



Dr. James B Beard

November 24, 1935 - May 14, 2018

Dr. James B Beard passed away on May 14, 2018 in Bryan, Texas at the age of 82.



Dr. Beard was born on September 24, 1935 in Piqua, Ohio to James Hart and Margaret Bashore Beard and grew up on the family farm near Bradford, Ohio. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy. He married the love of his life, Harriet Jean Coon, in 1955. James and wife Harriet, then decided to continue his education with a Master of Science in Crop Ecology and Ph.D. in Turfgrass Physiology from Purdue University.

Dr. Beard spent most of his career in the field of Soil and Crop Sciences where he was known as a legend. He blazed trails of critical research that would later develop into new fields of study. From the start of his career as a professor, first at Michigan State University and later at Texas A&M University, he touched the lives of every student that passed through his classes. His love of crop sciences can still be seen in his students today. From the start of his career in 1953, his research set new standards in the world of Soil and Crop Sciences where he received numerous distinguished awards including the Veitch Honour Medal of the Royal Horticultural Society, Honorary Doctorate of Agriculture *honoris causa* from Purdue University, James B Beard Turfgrass Collection dedicated at Michigan State University Library, Distinguished Alumni Award from The Ohio State University, American Library Association Oberly Award which he received twice, plus numerous other industry awards.

Dr. Beard authored 9 published books, dozens of manuals, and hundreds of technical articles and research papers. Dr. Beard also sat on the Board of Directors of The Scotts Company and many other National Committees. [Click Here](#) to read an article written about Dr. Beard in GCM Magazine.

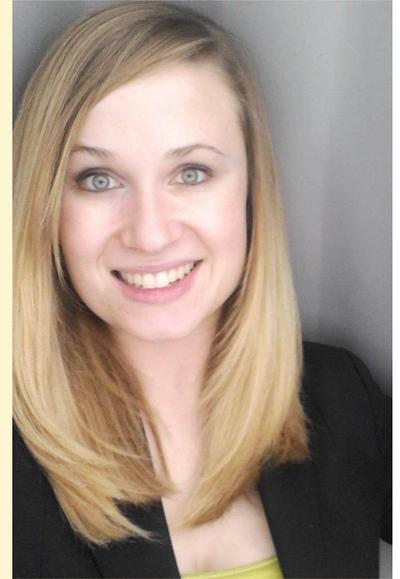
Meet Becky Grubbs Ph.D.

Texas A&M Agrilife - College Station

Ms. Grubbs is the new Turfgrass Extension Specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife in College Station. Becky grew up in the Dallas area and completed her Bachelor degree in horticulture from Texas Tech University. She then worked on her PhD in crop sciences specializing in turfgrass systems in Athens, GA where her research focused on Environmental Turfgrass Management.

Becky is committed to forging a partnership with the TXSTMA and being a resource to our membership. We are happy to have her and wish her the best of luck in her research and outreach.

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- The Professional Development track focuses on improving your operations by promoting your brand and mentoring and training your team of employees.
- The Turfgrass Management track offers sessions that address soil issues and cultural practices for cool-season, warm-season and transition zone turfgrass managers.
- Pest control will address reductions in pesticide and fertilizer applications, as well as how to discuss your pesticide program with the public. Also included will be updates on current control measures for turfgrass weeds.
- The Synthetic track will update managers on current research, as well as synthetic care and maintenance.
- Industry Developments provides updates to sports turf managers on new trends and technology in the industry. New

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research on field safety, turfgrass species and technology are featured in this track.

- The Facility Management track helps you run your program more efficiently. This year features sessions on traffic issues, budgets and overall facility maintenance.
- The Water track focuses on renovation, troubleshooting strategies, and how to test water and interpret the results.
- Baseball will address infield management. A panel session will feature sports turf managers from all facility types to share tips and tricks for field maintenance.

The Conference Education Committee has created a program that has something for everyone. Don't miss all that the 2019 Conference has to offer!

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What a great Field Day we had at Farmers Branch hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department. Thank you to Robin Edwards and your staff for rolling out the red carpet for this event.

The product demonstrations were extremely interesting and informative and we thank all the vendors who sponsored the event and brought out equipment for us to see.

The venue was truly top notch and it was great to see the award winning facilities and fields that are part of the Farmers Branch Parks Department.

[Check out the pictures from the event](#)



Our host Robin Edwards of the City of Farmers Branch is presented a plaque of appreciation by TXSTMA President Troy Crawford.



Pam Smith gave a very interesting presentation on the renovations that have happened at the award winning Rose Garden in Farmers Branch.



Farmers Branch was a great venue for the event! Thank you!



The Mayor of Farmers Branch, Robert C. Dye welcomed attendees to the event and spoke very highly of the work that our host Robin Edwards and his staff perform on a daily basis. He thanked all turf managers for the work they do to make citizens safe and able to enjoy recreational activities.

Everyone enjoyed the BBQ lunch provided by Stiney BBQ. Past President Rusty Walker happily took his rightful place at the head of the line!



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Region 1 Field Day photos from Farmers Branch





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STMA Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Entries are submitted via facebook. [Click here](#) before midnight July 8 and the winner will be announced July 18.

Only STMA members are eligible to enter.

Last year's winner, Andrew Marking, Head Groundskeeper for the Quad Cities River Bandits (Davenport, IA), generated more than 200 "likes" for his intricate design at Modern Woodmen Park.

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