

14th Annual KAFMO Athletic Field Conference Recap and Sponsors

KAFMO's 14th Annual Athletic Field Conference was held on February 19, 2010 in association with the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society, the Sports Turf Managers Association and Penn State University. Fifty exhibitors and twenty-two sponsors promoted their products and services to the 260 in attendance. Seminar topics included seed considerations, sustainability, practitioner's experiences and low budget turf care. Dr. Pete Landschoot, Penn State; Shawn Mahonski, Towson University; Kevein Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame; and Dr. Frank Rossi, Cornell University were presenters.

The awards program was highlighted by the presentation of the Fowler Founders Award to David Fowler, retired Penn State County Extension Director. Dave has been very active in many of the athletic field renovations that have taken place in Western Pennsylvania. He has worked on the grounds crew in Williamsport, PA at the Little League World Series for the past 15 years. Dave volunteered at PNC Park on the grounds crew during the MLB All-star game. In addition, he has built a number of minor league stadiums around the country working for Alpine Services of Gaithersburg MD. He has also worked at two spring training facilities in Arizona. Don Fowler presented the award to his twin brother Dave.

Field of Distinction award winners were: Centre Region Parks & Recreation Soccer Fields; Exeter Township Little League; Wyomising Area School District's football field.

Waddington/Harper Scholarship recipients were Brandon Cable, George Peters and Charles Roman from Penn State University. Donations for education and research were presented to the Resource Branch of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society (\$500) and the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council (\$3,000) for sports turf research at Penn State University. Also, \$1,500 was donated to support the four Penn State teams that competed in the STMA Student Challenge in Orlando in January.

Planning for the 15th Annual Athletic Field Conference is underway and details will be available soon at www.KAFMO.org.

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