**DRAFT AGENDA for Virginia Turfgrass Road Show in Fredericksburg, VA, February 21, 2024**

7:00 - 7:30 Registration and Check-in

7:30 - 7:45 Welcome and Review of The Day’s Goals (VCE, VTC, and VT hosts)

7:45 - 8:30 **Problem Solving in Turfgrass Management.** (Dr. Mike Goatley, Mr. Jon Dickerson) *Description*: What is that, what caused that, AND how do we fix it and keep it from happening again? Is it soil or plant related? Man-made or a “chance in nature” occurrence? This segment engages the audience with the instructor in figuring out what kinds of questions should be asked and how situations are assessed in addressing the cause and solutions to visibly unique situations in managed turfgrasses.

 8:30 - 9:15 **News You Can Use: Weed Science Updates for Fine Turf and Highway Right of Ways** (Dr. Shawn Askew) Description: An update on the latest chemistries and technologies in weed control for both intensively managed and low-input turfgrass systems.

 9:15 - 10:00 **Be Water Wise**. (Dr. Dan Sandor) What is new in terms of potential turfgrass species and/or cultivars noted for water use efficiency, as well as updates on soil moisture sensors and irrigation technology.

10:00 - 10:30 Break and Visit Sponsors

10:30 - 11:15 **Colonial Downs: Our Athletes** **Weigh 1000Pounds and Run 40 MPH!** (Mr. Harrison Young, Director of Racing Surfaces, Colonial Downs) *Description:* Mr. Young details his annual strategies in the management of nutrition, irrigation, pests, mowing, and aeration programs in providing what is noted as being one of the country’s best bermudagrass racing tracks.

11:15 - 12:00 **News You Can Use in Turfgrass Pathology** (Dr. David McCall). An update on the newest fungicides, application timings, and use of remote sensing in disease and stress management programs.

12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch and Visit Sponsors**

 1:00  - 1:45 **News You Can Use in Turf and Ornamental Entomology** (Dr. Alejandro Del-Pozo and Dr. Tom Kuhar). *Description:* The VT Entomology team reviews the most recent trends in insect pest management in turf and ornamentals in the mid-Atlantic, updates us on emerging pests, new chemistries, and new management strategies.

 1:45  - 2:15 **News You Can Use in Weed Science for Ornamentals** (Dr. Jeff Derr) *Description:* Weed control in ornamental systems offers its own set of challenges with the diversity of plant materials available for use in ornamental beds. Dr. Derr details both standard and new technologies in ornamental weed management.

 2:15  - 2:45 **News You Can Use in Aquatic Weed Control** (Dr. Jeff Derr) *Description:* What are the most common aquatic weeds in the mid-Atlantic, why do they occur, and what are the best cultural and chemical strategies in their management.

 2:45  - 3:15 Legal Update and Applicator Safety from VDACS

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