

## Speakers at the event



**Lee Butler** - NC State University  
Lee manages the Turf Disease Diagnostics Lab at NC State while remaining active in the turf pathology field research program.



**John McCalla** – Research Associate, Univ. of Arkansas. John has been a turfgrass science researchers for over 15 years, where he manages the field laboratory and research program of Mike Richardson.



**John Boyd** – University of Arkansas Extension  
John has been actively involved in turfgrass weed control research and education at the university for over 30 years.



**Daniel O'Brien** – PhD Student and Research Technician. Daniel has been a research technician with Doug Karcher for 5 years and recently completed a MS degree focused on technology to measure putting green surfaces



**Matt Bertucci** – University of Arkansas Extension  
Matt has just joined our program and will be leading turfgrass extension activities and will focus his research on weed control issues.



**Jay Randolph**, CGCS, Ben Geren Park, Ft. Smith  
Jay has been a golf course superintendent in Arkansas for almost 20 years and is currently working to protect and restore tall grass prairies in and around Ben Geren park.



**Tyler Carr** – MS Student, Turfgrass Science  
Tyler is starting his second year as a graduate student in our program and is studying water use issues in cool-season lawn grasses



**Mike Richardson** – University of Arkansas  
Mike has been a professor of turfgrass science at the UofA for over 20 years and his work is focused on turfgrass physiology and management.



**Eric DeBoer** – PhD Student, Turfgrass Science  
Eric recently completed a MS degree in our program focused on winter survival of ultradwarf greens. His PhD project will involve the use of super-oxygenated water in turfgrass systems



**Michelle Wisdom** – MS Student, Turfgrass Science  
Michelle is completing a Master's degree in turfgrass management and her work has been focused on introducing pollinator-friendly plants into turfgrass systems



**Doug Karcher** – University of Arkansas  
Doug is a professor in the turfgrass science program at the UofA where much of his work focuses on soil issues and water use of turfgrasses.