"100 years as a family owned and operated company is an impressive milestone, and I feel privileged to be a part of that history" says current company president, Mark Rittenhouse who joined the company in 1985. “My grandfather, father and uncles encouraged me to learn all aspects of the business while growing up across the street from the original factory.”

Rittenhouse has come a long way from its humble beginnings. The company has always been innovative with the products they sell and how they sell them in response to the countless green industry changes over 100 years: Mark’s father, Glen, patented several equipment designs, and the company continues to build custom sprayers to this day; a 1990’s mail order catalogue developed into one of the industry’s largest shopping website and now ships product across North America on a daily basis as well as regular orders worldwide.

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Our new GPS guided application solution provides:
- Sports field line designs created, modified, pre viewed then properly stored by computer before any on field painting is performed.
- Organized field files can be reviewed anytime to check marking dimensions, marking placement etc.
- Eliminates all traditional “tools of the trade” aiding in field marking preparation.
- Start of season field painting takes no longer time than remarking; on field labour stays constant.
- Requires one staff operator
- Line quality is consistent and is controlled by RTK-GPS (sub-inch accuracy) autopilot.
- Rough surfaces and slopes have little effect on autopilot machine control.
- Sun glare, wind and even darkness have little effect on operator control.
- As fields are painted, electronic reports are created showing times, paint used, speeds etc. for cost management purposes.
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Standard Equipment
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Edger – With its adjustable guide shoe, the Bannerman Diamond Edger is surprisingly easy to use. Its 3” blade depth and reversible, 20” concave disc work together to quickly eliminate ridging. Debris is spiraled into the infield for fast and easy clean-up.
Members of Sports Turf Canada elected the 2014/2015 officers and directors at the annual meeting held recently at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute, home of the association.

Newly elected are president Tennessee Propedo/Director of Parks & Cemeteries for the City of Hamilton ON and vice president Tab Buckner/Manager of Parks Operations and Cemetery Services for the Township of Langley BC. Paul Gillen, president from 2010-2014, now serves as the immediate past president.

Returning to the board for a new term are directors Gord Dol/Dol Turf Restoration Ltd., Terry Henderson/City of Guelph ON, Ken Pavely/Lawn Life, and Paul Turner/G.C. Duke Equipment Ltd. Joining the board is Roger Macklin/City of Toronto, ON.

Continuing to serve the association are treasurer Ben Tymchyshyn/MMM Group Limited, and directors Bill Clausen/University of Guelph, John D’Ovidio/City of Mississauga ON, Gord Horsman/City of Moncton NB, and Dave Warden/City of Mississauga ON.

In accordance with the corporate by-laws the board filled vacancies in its membership at its first meeting, immediately following the annual general meeting. Jason Inwood/City of Vaughan ON was appointed corporate secretary.

We express our appreciation to departing directors Andrew Gaydon/Vanden Bussche Irrigation and Bob Kennedy/Sports Turf Management Solutions, both of whom have provided immeasurable contribution and support for many, many years. •