

# TETA Moves Forward

*Another year has gone by and along with it a new board has been elected by the TETA membership. TETA continues to grow in numbers in the Midwest and from coast to coast. With this growth, creates new challenges that we cannot afford to overlook. In meeting these challenges, TETA cannot forget our basic and fundamental objective which is set in our by-laws and provide the sole purpose for our existence:*

*“To enhance and promote the image, stature, reputation and skills of the professional turf equipment technician.”*

It is the duty of every board member to promote you, the turf equipment technician, in a professional and honorable manner. It is their duty to promote this organization to the best of their abilities and to continue doing the work of their predecessors.

I believe the board members have promoted the turf equipment technician and continue to do so. They take great pride in being a part of this association and the things that it has accomplished in the last ten years. The accomplishments are many such as: doubling the membership, establishing our own office that is managed by one of our very own members, and conducting regular educational seminars regionally as well as across the nation. TETA has supported the Equipment & Engine Training Council's (EETC) technician certification testing program and has participated in the writing of tests, like the Reel Technology exam. TETA has also increased the amount of proctors to administer the tests from two to four, allowing more convenient times and places to take certification tests.

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Last year was another of TETA's firsts. Members were included in the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents (MAGCS). This added more benefits to the membership by providing different educational opportunities as well as a directory of members. It also provided a line of communication between superintendent and technician in this award winning publication, *On Course*. While TETA members are also members of MAGCS, TETA is still run and managed by turf equipment technicians. These benefits are there for you. Take advantage of them and increase your skills as a technician, learn more about turf and the issues that we face in our chosen profession.

I believe that the job of the turf equipment technician is more than just maintaining and repairing equipment. It is a job that directly reflects on the golf course superintendent. It is a job that can affect the turf and playability in many ways. It requires a special relationship between the technician and the superintendent to create and maintain the highest quality of the turf. Whether it be on a golf course, athletic field, park district grounds, etc. the end result is the appearance, playability and the health of the turf. Together the superintendent and technician create the best playing surfaces possible.

TETA has come to a point in its existence that requires more than a board can possibly handle. After all, we have jobs just like every member of TETA and work eight hours or more a day. We need more help planning educational seminars, writing articles for *On Course*, contributing to website and more. We need to create committees that bring their creative minds together to create new goals. If all of us start working together we can really make things happen.

During his first inaugural address, John F. Kennedy said *“And so my fel-*

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low Americans: ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for freedom of man.” I have always been inspired by the words of JFK and I hope you are inspired by these words when I say to you: “My fellow technicians ask not what your association (TETA) can do for you – ask what you can do for your association (TETA). Fellow technicians of the world: ask not what TETA will do for you, but what together we can do for the sake of all turf equipment technicians.”



### 2007 TETA Schedule of Events

- February 24 – TETA Session at GIS Conference, Anaheim, CA
- March 13 – Red Max, Komatsu Zenoah 2 cycle engines, Arrowhead Golf Club
- April 10 – TETA Board Meeting
- April 13-14 – EETC Annual Conference
- May 8 – TETA Board Meeting
- June 12 – TETA Board Meeting
- July 10 – TETA Board Meeting
- August 14 – TETA Board Meeting
- September 11 – TETA Board Meeting
- October 9 – Club Car Seminar, Nadler Golf Car Sales
- November 13 – To Be Announced
- December 5-7 – IPTC, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL
- December 11 – To Be Announced

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