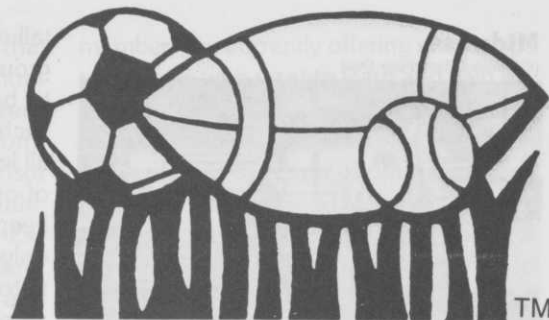


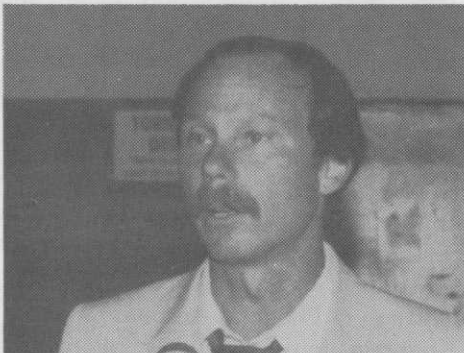
# Sports Turf Newsletter



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## From The President . . .



Steve Wightman, President, STMA

A lot is happening with STMA for 1986. The board has approved the services of a professional association consultant to review STMA and make recommendations on ways we can better serve our ever increasing membership.

The foundation of STMA is the free flow of pertinent information and ideas on sports turf management with the membership. With the tremendous interest that has evolved within the last year, not only with STMA but with the sports turf industry as a whole, the accomplishment of that original goal is even more paramount. With the help of a professional consultant we hope to better meet the needs of you, the member.

In addition to developing short and long range strategies for STMA, we are also putting the final touches on our regional

### DUES WERE DUE

Your 1986-1987 Membership Dues were due on July 1st. Notices were mailed in June (our fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30). If you haven't paid your dues, there is still time but don't delay because we are getting ready to publish our new Directory soon!

education seminar and trade show to be held in Chicago on Thursday, December 11, 1986 in conjunction with the Illinois Turf Foundation. Also, the sessions, tours, and arrangements for our national seminar in Phoenix on January 31, February 1 and 2 are well on the way, so be sure to keep these dates available and plan to attend this very informative conference.

**For details on the Phoenix Seminar, be sure to see: "PHOENIX FOR CONFERENCE" on Page Four.**

Also, STMA is offering two scholarships this year to two deserving student members pursuing a career in sports turf management. Although only the beginning, we feel STMA's scholarship program is an integral part of the Association's pledge to expand and promote those committed to the sports turf industry. It is our hope that their contributions will enhance the industry.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a hearty thank you to the STMA board for all their unselfish time and effort they so graciously have donated to the association. Particularly, Dr. Kent Kurtz and Bill Wrobel. Without a dedicated commitment from volunteers, it would be impossible for any association to survive. Thank you all!!!

Steve Wightman,  
President, STMA

## Midwest Sports Turf Institute A Success

The Midwest Sports Turf Institute held at the College of DuPage on June 26th was attended by Sports Turf Managers and commercial affiliates from a multi-state area. The event attracted over 300 conferees and speakers from Washington D.C., California, Florida, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kansas, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota. More than 45 commercial companies were on hand to show products, equipment, supplies, and other useful items for sports fields.



Trade Show on College of DuPage Soccer Field.

Speakers covered a multitude of topics related to the construction and maintenance of sports turf and athletic facilities. According to George Rokosh, Director of Buildings and Grounds at the College of DuPage, "This event was long overdue in the Chicago area. People are hungry for information and help, we definitely will hold this conference here in June of 1987."\* The Institute was co-sponsored by the Business and Professional Institute at the College of DuPage and was coordinated by Susan Benson,

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\*George Rokosh was in charge of assigning space to the commercial exhibitors.

## Midwest

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Kathy Copley (right), Editor, *Grounds Maintenance Magazine*, discusses Sports Turf with Harry Gill (POPS™), Milwaukee Brewers, STMA founder and Director, at the Midwest Sports Turf Institute, College of DuPage, June, 1986.

Susan Glasgow and Nancy Thomas along with STMA Executive Secretary, Dr. Kent Kurtz, to put on this first time event in the Chicago area. A planning committee of area sports turf managers and commercial affiliates did much to contribute to the institute's success. James Mello, Agronomist, Nice 'N Green Plant Food Company, was instrumental in arranging for the commercial exhibitors and William Wrobel, Manager of Marketing, IMC, printed, distributed and mailed over 5,000 brochures to potential attendees.

Keynote speaker Roger Bossard, Head Groundskeeper, Chicago White Sox, who is a third generation Sports Turf Manager,

talked about his job as a professional grounds keeper and how important it is to belong to a professional organization such as STMA. According to Roger, "We all learn from the successes and mistakes of others. Time is past when a groundskeeper keeps his secrets to himself. The only way this profession will move forward is to share information and assist those who have not had the same opportunities as we have had. I joined STMA recently and think it's great, everyone should get involved because it's only as strong as those who make things happen."



Roger Bossard, Head Groundskeeper, Chicago White Sox, Comiskey Park

### When the Going Gets Tough, The Tough Get Going!

That's how we can describe commercial affiliate member William "Bill" Wrobel, marketing Director for International Minerals & Chemical Company (IMC). When things looked bleak for our Midwest Sports Turf Institute June 26th, along comes Bill. He had the conference brochure printed, gathered mailing labels from many groups and companies, and mailed 5,000 brochures to potential conferees in Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan and Illinois. Thanks also to Bill, the Early Bird brochure for our annual meeting in Phoenix is now in the hands of our membership.

### Pacific Sod A Diamond in the Rough

A belated hats off and thanks to STMA members John Culbertson and John Rector, who sponsored and hosted our hospitality room in February in San Francisco.

### Thanks to Lofts, Inc. and Gordon Bannerman Ltd.

STMA wants to thank the representatives from Lofts, Inc., and Gordon Bannerman, Ltd. for their financial assistance to sponsor the Coffee Break in San Francisco. Without the support and assistance of our commercial affiliates STMA would not be able to accomplish all of its goals. Thanks, Lofts and Bannerman.

*"All I want is less to do, more time to do it,  
and more pay for not getting it done."*

*Anonymous, by a NON-STMA Member*

## Beam Clay Company to Sponsor Baseball Grounds Keeper of the Year Award

James Kelsey, President of the Beam Clay Company and the Partac Peat Corporation (an STMA affiliate member), will sponsor an annual award to the sports turf manager who, in the eyes of his peers and colleagues, has the best and highest quality baseball facility.

The recipient of the award must be an STMA member who is active and who has paid his 1986-87 dues. Nominations and selection will be conducted by his peers. For the first year of the award, the STMA Board has excluded all professional stadium managers.

Eligible fields include Little League, youth baseball, high school, college, university and park facilities. The Award will be presented at the January 31, 1987 dinner held in conjunction with the annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

Nominations, a brief description of the facility, the sports turf manager's name and one or more color slides should be sent to the Awards Chairman:

Michael Schiller  
Awards Chairman  
1508 Palm Drive  
Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056

### Deadline for nominations is: November 30, 1986

#### Judging Criteria:

1. age of baseball field (year of installation)
2. geographic location (city and state)
3. operating budget for baseball field
4. total number of maintenance staff for baseball field
5. irrigation: none  manual  automatic
6. does baseball field have lighting for night games? yes  no
7. number of events on baseball field per year
8. types and number of events on field other than baseball
9. how many months during the year is baseball field used?
10. Why do you think this field is the best baseball field of all?
11. include 1 color photo from high rear backstop facing center field.