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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.