STMA to Sponsor A Sports Turf Session at the North Central Turfgrass Exposition at the O'Hare Exposition Center, Chicago Illinois Thursday, December 11, 1986 SPORTS TURF MANAGERS SESSION

Morning Session Moderator - William Wrobel, Marketing Manager, IMC

9:30 - 9:50 Impact of the New Kid on the Block

Dr. Kent Kurtz, Executive Secretary, STMA

9:50 - 10:10 Wetting Agents Can Provide Better Playing Surfaces
Demie Powell, Aquatrols Corp. New Jersey

10:10 - 10:30 Aerification, Topdressing and Follow-up

Maintenance for Field Safety

Steve Wightman, President, STMA, Denver Mile High Stadium

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 11:15 What Are the Options on Outdoor Sports Field Lighting?

Charles Lindstrom, Chas. Lindstrom & Assoc.

11:15-11:45 No One In Sports Turf is Safe From Lawsuits
Peter Murphy-Legal Counsel, Illinois P & R Assoc.

11:45 - 1:00 Exhibit Trade Show Visitation

Concession Lunch

Afternoon Session Moderator - Harry Gill, Milwaukee County Stadium

1:00 - 1:30 Some Timely Tips and Techniques Toward Achieving A Good Ball Field

Roger Bossard, Head Grounds Keeper, Chicago White Sox

1:30 - 2:00 Construction of a Championship Woman's Soft Ball Field
Mark Hodnick, Treasurer, STMA, Cal. Poly. Grounds Director

2:00 - 2:15 Break

2:15 - 2:45 Options in Draining Sports Fields
David Heiss, Pres. Turf Services, Inc.

2:45 - 3:15 Inventions, Inovations - So What's a Verti-Groover?

Thomas Moscaro, Turf Consultant

3:15 - 4:15 Sports Turf Managers in Action

Special Session Moderator - Dr. Herbert Portz-SIU
David Davidson, Asst. Supt. Honenegah H.S.
Michael Hinnant, Dir. Bldgs. & Grounds, H.S. District 88
John Burke, Ath. Fac. Dir., Univ. of Ill, Chicago, Ill.
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on turf areas including sports fields. Ransomes, Inc. will market the Verti-Groover.

Rowland C. Lehman — STMA Director (representing Commercial Affiliates), Vice President Ransomes, Inc., recently held a meeting for U.S distributors and was involved in showing them the operation of equipment and safety features (see picture, third column).



Tom Mascaro, STMA Honorary member, watching his latest invention, the Verti-Grover, slice through a turf in Wisconsin.



Rowland "Dick" Lehman, Vice President-Ransome's, Inc. and STMA Director "Showing off" his mowing skills at a recent meeting for Ransome Distributors in Wisconsin.

Roger Bossard — new STMA member and head groundskeeper, Chicago White Sox, held a baseball field maintenance clinic at Comiskey Park in Chicago recently. Over 100 school, park, and sports turf managers attended this one-day clinic and came away more knowledgeable on proper infield techniques and practices. Great job Roger!



Roger Bossard explains baseball field maintenance techniques to 100 sports turf managers at a clinic cosponsored by the Chicago White Sox and Turface.

Harry Gill - STMA Director and Director of Grounds, Milwaukee Brewers Ball Club, is a man of immense foresight. Last fall Harry hired David Heiss to install sand slits and collector drains at Milwaukee County Stadium. Recently a deluge of six inches of rain hit the Milwaukee area and the field became flooded because manholes could not handle the water. Also since the stadium is below the river height, water poured in across the parking lot and through the bleacher gates and onto the playing field. At its peak about 4 feet of water completely covered the field, filled up the dugouts, and reached the fourth row of seats in the grandstand area.

At 6:00am the next morning the water was gone, by 8:00am the tractors were on the field, by 8:30am they were mowing the grass and by noon they were dragging the infield and dust was visible. That evening they played the Chicago White Sox. Harry said, "I was really flabbergasted, I can't give you the words to say how well it worked. Only one's imagination could predict what would have occurred without this fantastic new system!"

Sports Turf Manager's Association