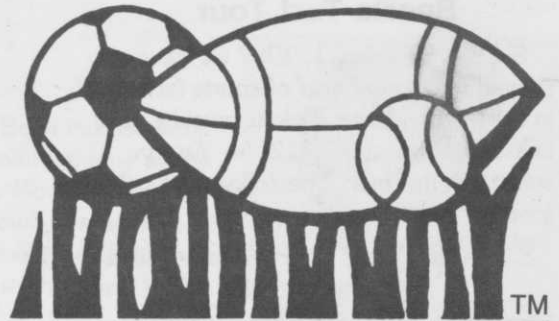


Sports Turf Newsletter



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It's Not Too Late to Plan for Phoenix for Super Sports Turf Weekend



Keynoter Joe Torre

Joe Torre To Speak

Joe Torre, former major league baseball player, manager and currently a broadcaster with the California Angels, will speak at the Sports Turf Manager's Special Awards dinner January 31, 1987 at the Hyatt-Regency (at Civic Plaza - Phoenix, Arizona).

Torre will talk about "Sports Turf Management through the eyes of a player, manager and broadcaster." Torre starred as a catcher, first and third baseman for the Milwaukee Braves and Atlanta Braves (1960-68), with the St. Louis Cardinals (1969-74) and the New York Mets (1975-77). He also managed the New York Mets (1977-81) and the Atlanta Braves (1982-84). Currently Torre is the broadcaster for the California Angels. On the playing field Joe Torre distinguished himself with a lifetime batting average of .297. He was the National League's batting champion with an average of .363 in 1971 with the St. Louis Cardinals the same year he was voted the National League's Most Valuable Player.

The Awards Dinner will recognize Harry Gill (Director of Grounds at Milwaukee County Stadium) and Jeff Wishard (a high school student injured in a football accident in 1975). Two scholarships will

Weekend Planned at Hyatt-Regency Hotel

You won't want to miss this lineup of ALLSTARS in the Sports Turf Industry. STMA has put together a great program for every Sports Turf Manager. Topics feature drainage, construction, renovation, sports injuries, solutions to problem fields, soccer, baseball, football, lawn bowling, lawn tennis, croquet, polo, grass race tracks and more (see Page Two for program).

A special STMA registration area will be available in the Hyatt-Regency Hotel lobby, 8a.m. to 5p.m., Friday, January 30, 1987.

All pre-registration packets will be available for pickup all day January 30, or the morning of the Conference, January 31.

be presented in their names to students who are preparing for a career in sports turf management. Also to be presented is the Baseball Field of the Year Award and the Man of the Year in Sports Turf Award (STMA's Lawn Ranger Award).

The Awards Dinner will be held at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel - at Civic Plaza - Phoenix, Arizona at 7:30p.m., Saturday, January 31, 1987. Tickets must be purchased in advance (\$30). The deadline for reservations is January 27th.

The dinner is part of the Super Sports Turf Weekend sponsored by STMA. The Educational Program "Safer Sports Turf Through Education" will be January 31, 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Conferees will attend the world's largest indoor turfgrass trade shows, held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza, Sunday, February 1 (2:30p.m. - 5:00p.m.) or Monday, February 2 (8:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.). (See Pages 2 and 3 for additional information.)

Special Contributions to STMA

Bill Bedrossian, Servicemaster Industries, Inc., wrote an article in *Grounds Maintenance* this past summer from a talk he gave at the Midwest Sports Turf Institute held in Illinois this past June. In lieu of accepting an honorarium from the magazine for the article, he donated the money to the STMA Research and Scholarship Fund!

Dr. James Watson, Vice President, The Toro Company, also donated a sum of money to the STMA Research and Scholarship Fund.

STMA wishes to thank both Bill and Dr. Watson for their generosity and support of the work STMA is doing to make Sports Turf better, safer and more functional.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Why not give an
STMA MEMBERSHIP
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and leave a message

Sports Turf Tour

Sunday February 1, 1987 we have arranged for a great tour of sports facilities in the Phoenix area. Tickets must be purchased in advance (\$12) to reserve a space on the bus. The following is the schedule of tour stops:

- 8:30 a.m. Board Tour Buses at Hyatt-Regency Hotel
- 9:00 a.m. Arizona State University—Visit Sun Devil Stadium (site of Fiesta Bowl), Packard Stadium, Softball Field, Tempe
- 10:45 a.m. Chicago Cubs Spring Training Sites, Mesa Parks Department—Mesa
- 12:30 p.m. Compadre Park— Winter home of the Milwaukee Brewers—Lunch Courtesy of Western Sod, Inc., and A-G Sod Farms. Tour of stadium, demonstration of maintenance techniques, discussion of sod production in Arizona.
- 2:30 p.m. Return to Phoenix Civic Plaza to visit the largest indoor turf-grass trade show.

**Deadline for Reservations:
January 20, 1987**

UNUSUAL JOBS

Don Marshall cheers like any other Angels Fan when Reggie Jackson slides across home plate. But he also flinches a little.

As golf course operations manager for the city of Anaheim, it hurts when he sees his manicured turf torn by cleats. Yet that's the name of the game. Whether it is baseball, football, rugby, motocross or rock concerts, Marshall makes sure the grassy stage is set.

"Professional stadiums have the use and abuse of turf down to a science," says Marshall, scrutinizing his two-and-a-half acre domain. "The highest level of turf grass maintenance seems to lag far behind other areas like parks, highways and golf courses because of the unusual demands made upon it."

Marshall, who is also caretaker for Anaheim Hills and H.G. "Dad" Miller golf courses, has been keeping grass happy for 30 years, ever since studying agronomy—the science of fine turf—at the

(Continued on Back Page—"JOBS")

**DON'T MISS THE
SUPER SPORTS WEEK
AT THE HYATT-REGENCY
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
JANUARY 31—FEBRUARY 1**

SPORTS TURF MANAGER'S CONFERENCE "Safer Sports Turf Through Education"

Saturday, January 31, 1987

MORNING SESSION CHAIRMAN — Mark Hodnick, STMA Treasurer

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| 7:15 a.m. On-Site Registration — Hyatt Regency Hotel | 10:00 a.m. Time out — Coffee Break |
| 8:00 a.m. Kick-off Time — Welcome and Introductions
Steve Wightman, STMA President
Dr. Kent Kurtz, STMA Executive Secretary | 10:15 a.m. Images of Grief: Sad, Haunting and Courageous
Heide Aungst, Associate Editor, WEEDS, TREES & TURF with Jeff Wishard, Davis, Illinois |
| 8:10 a.m. Working Together for the Future of Sports Turf
Dr. Fred Grau, Chair, National Sports Turf Council | 10:30 a.m. Developing a Standard for Sports Turf Surfaces Using
Impact Absorption Techniques
Dan Holland, Attorney at Law, Eugene, Oregon |
| 8:30 a.m. An Overview of Sports Turf in the Southwest
Dr. William R. Kneebone, Professor Emeritus,
University of Arizona | 10:55 a.m. What is Considered a Safe Field?
Dr. James Watson, Vice President, The Toro Company |
| 8:50 a.m. The Real Economics of Athletic Field Construction
Dr. Henry Indyk, Turf Extension, Rutgers University | 11:15 a.m. The Steps Necessary Toward Achieving a
Safer Sports Turf — G R A S S
Dr. Eliot Roberts, Director, The Lawn Institute |
| 9:20 a.m. Breeding for the Future of Sports Turf
Dr. William Meyer, Director of Research, Turf Seed, Inc. | 11:40 a.m. State of the Art Sports Turf and More
Dr. William H. Daniel, Turfgrass Services, Inc. |
| 9:40 a.m. Sports Turf Management: Cosmetic or Cultural?
Tom Mascaro, Turf Consultant, North Miami, Florida | 12:00 Noon Half time — Lunch on your own |

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSION I

Session Chairman — David Frey, Past President, STMA

BASEBALL FIELD SESSION

- 1:30 p.m. Step by Step Baseball Field Construction
Charles Lindstrom, Charles Lindstrom & Associates
- 1:50 p.m. Special Techniques in Preparing a Baseball Infield —
Roger Bossard, Head Groundskeeper,
Chicago White Sox Baseball Club
- 2:10 p.m. Special Techniques in Maintaining Baseball Field Turf —
Sam Newpher, Jr., Grounds Superintendent,
Atlanta Braves Baseball Club
- 2:30 p.m. Improvements and Renovation of a Baseball Facility —
Harry Gill, Grounds Director,
Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club
- 2:50 p.m. Time out — Coffee Break

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSION II

Session Chairman — William Wrobel, STMA Marketing & Advertising Advisor

SPECIALIZED SPORTS TURF & DRAINAGE SESSION

- 1:30 p.m. A Special Look at Lawn Bowling, Lawn Tennis,
Croquet and More — Dr. Richard Skogley,
Professor of Agronomy, University of Rhode Island
- 1:50 p.m. The Rigors of Maintaining Synthetics Plus the Joy
of Establishing New Lawn Bowling Greens —
Kenneth Mrook, Superintendent of Golf Courses,
Chicago Park District
- 2:10 p.m. Engineered Drainage Systems for Sports Turf —
Geoffrey Davison, Davison International Assoc., England
- 2:30 p.m. Specialized Drainage of Sports Fields —
David Heiss, President, Turf Services, Inc.
- 2:50 p.m. Time out — Coffee Break

SOCCER & FOOTBALL FIELD SESSION

- 3:10 p.m. From a Mud Clay Pit to a Notorious Soccer Field and
Thoughts on Soil Warming —
John Souter, Souter of Stirling, Scotland
- 3:30 p.m. Managing a Soccer Showcase with Premium
Soccer Fields —
Gary Fichter, Park Superintendent, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 3:50 p.m. Preparing London's Wembley Stadium for
American Football — Sam Monson, Facility Supervisor,
Minnesota Vikings Football Club
- 4:10 p.m. Maintaining a Division I University Sports
Turf Facility — Robert Hudzik, Athletic Fields &
Golf Course Supervisor, Penn State University
- 4:30 p.m. Overtime — Short Break
- 4:45 p.m. STMA Annual Business Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. STMA Banquet, Keynote Speaker,
Special Awards Program

EQUESTRIAN SURFACES & SPORTS TURF HERBICIDES

- 3:10 p.m. The Sport of Polo and the Mangement of its
Facilities — James Mello, Agronomist,
Nice 'N Green Plant Food Company
- 3:30 p.m. Turf Race Tracks - The Grasses Used and the
Maintenance Required — Ervin Malin, Grounds
Superintendent, Canterbury Downs Race Track
- 3:50 p.m. Research on Turf Race Courses and Other
Equestrian Tracks — Arthur Read,
President, Omnisports, Inc., Canada
- 4:10 p.m. The Mode of Action in Herbicides Used on Sports Turf —
Dr. B. J. Johnson, Professor of Agronomy,
University of Georgia
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For Secretary

Constance (Connie) Borg—Currently the Event Coordinator for the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. Her duties include overseeing and coordinating all events and maintenance at the stadium. She has coordinated such events as the Olympics, Superbowl, Rose Bowl, motocross, concerts, circuses, and soccer matches. Prior to her position with the Rose Bowl, she worked in Washington, D.C. in the Office of Management and Budget under David Stockman. Received her B.S. Degree from the University of Southern California in Public Administration and Public Relations. She has been a speaker at STMA sponsored seminars.



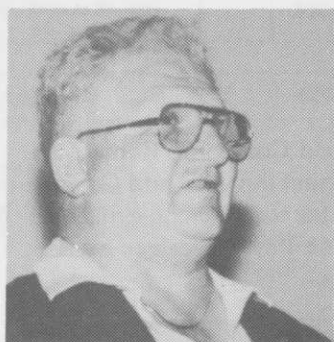
Bernard Keohan—Currently is Manager of Grounds at Harvard University. Served as Superintendent of Athletic Facilities at Harvard and was a Golf Course Superintendent at the Framingham Country Club. Graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts.

For Treasurer

Mark Hodnick—Currently serving as Treasurer of STMA (1986-87). Developed a cost accounting system for STMA and is currently setting up a record keeping system on his personal computer for STMA. He is the Landscape Supervisor for Cal Poly University at Pomona, California. Also is a licensed landscape contractor. Formerly worked as Service Manager for Toro Pacific and Director of Grounds at Chaffey College, California. Graduated with a B.S. Degree in Horticulture from Cal Poly, Pomona.



For Director



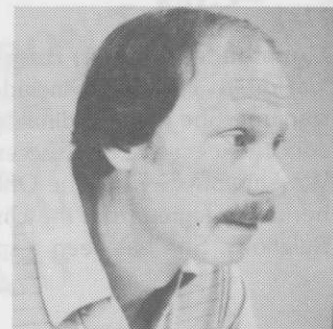
Harry Gill—One of the founders of STMA. Served as Director since 1982. Worked as Grounds-keeper for Mirro Aluminum Company, Golf Course Superintendent at West Bend Country Club, Tumblebrook Country Club, and operated a park, forest preserve, and golf course in Rockford, Illinois. Currently is Director of Grounds for Milwaukee County Stadium. Received the Lawn Ranger Award in 1982. Will be honored in Phoenix with a scholarship in his name.

BALLOTS ARE ENCLOSED. They **MUST** be returned by **January 15, 1987**. The newly elected board will take office on February 1, 1987. Regular members vote for all positions (Blue Ballot). Commercial Affiliates only vote for Second Vice President (Yellow Ballot). **Members must have paid 1986-87 dues to cast a valid ballot.**

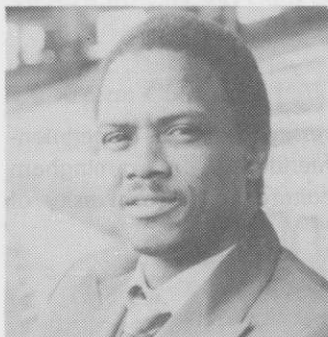
FACTS ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

For President

Steve Wightman—Currently serving as President of STMA (1986-87) and past Treasurer (1984-86). Assumed responsibility for incorporating STMA as a non-profit corporation and assisted in making the organization financially sound. Received his B.S. Degree from the University of Northern Colorado. Has worked for the city of Denver since 1972, Turf Manager of Mile High Stadium since 1976. Received the Lawn Ranger Award in 1985.

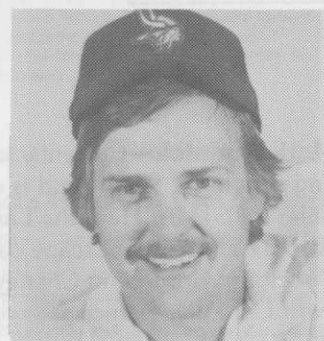


For First Vice President



Tony Burnett—Currently serving as First Vice President of STMA (1986-87) and was Director (1985-86). Has worked at RFK Stadium, Washington, D.C. since 1962. Appointed Head Groundskeeper in 1971 and has held this position since that time. Served in Viet Nam. Has taken classes at the University of Maryland. Received the Lawn Ranger Award in 1986.

Sam Monson—Currently is Facility Supervisor for the Minnesota Vikings football team. Formerly was Athletic Grounds Foreman and Golf Course Supervisor at the University of Minnesota. Earned his A.A. Degree at the University of Minnesota. Currently is taking coursework toward a B.S. in Horticulture at the University of Minnesota. Selected by the NFL to prepare London's Wembley Stadium for the Chicago Bears - Dallas Cowboys game in August 1986.



For Second Vice President (Commercial Affiliate Member)



James D. Mello—Owner and Agronomist, Nice'N Green Plant Food Company, Romeoville, Illinois. Recognized as an authority on polo field maintenance throughout the U.S. and Canada. Serves on the Board of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation. Responsible for coordinating exhibitions at the Midwest Sports Turf Institute held at the College of DuPage, June 1986. Received his B.S. Degree in Turf Management from Purdue University.

William Wrobel—Manager of Marketing Programs for Amcor (formerly a division of International Mineral and Chemical Corp.). Serves as a special advisor to STMA on marketing and advertising. Currently is STMA's source for all mailing labels—printed all brochures for Midwest Sports Turf Institute and Phoenix Conference. Received his B.S. Degree in chemistry from Beloit College, M.S. Degree from American Graduate School for International Management. Formerly Director of Marketing for Perkins Engine Division of Massey Ferguson, and formerly Sales Manager in Europe for Cummins Engines. Responsible for co-sponsoring an annual baseball field Manager's Clinic with the Chicago White Sox which provides knowledge and training to area groundskeepers.



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Quick Overview of a Super Weekend

The kickoff for the 1987 Season features A Super Sports Turf Weekend hosted by the Sports Turf Manager's Association. The action is in Phoenix, Arizona at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel (January 31 - February 3, 1987). You won't want to miss the following line-up:

- 1. Special Education Program**-8:00-5:00p.m., January 31-Safer Sports Turf Through Education: Baseball Fields, Soccer and Football Fields, Specialized Drainage, Equestrian and more.
- 2. Joe Torre** to Keynote Special Awards Dinner - 7:30p.m., January 31 honoring Harry Gill and Jeff Wishard.
- 3. Sports Turf Tour** - 8:30-2:30p.m., February 1, 1987 - Visits to ASU's Fiesta Bowl and Baseball fields, Chicago Cubs Spring training sites, and Milwaukee Brewers Compadre Stadium.
- 4. GCSAA Trade Show** - 2:30-5:00p.m., February 1 and 8:00-1:00p.m., February 2 - Under one roof the largest Turfgrass Industry Trade Show at the modern Phoenix Civic Plaza.

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STMA CALENDAR—1987 Plan Ahead

- January, February:** Phoenix
- March 24:** Sports Turf Institute, Cal Poly, Pomona, California
- June:** Midwest Sports Turf Institute, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
- August:** Southeast Sports Turf Institute, Daytona Beach, Florida
- November:** Outdoor Power Equipment Association Conference and Show, Dallas, Texas

JOBS

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University of Massachusetts.

Marshall is one of only about 11 major league stadium field managers nationwide who maintain grass arenas. (The others maintain carpet.) Before Marshall and his family moved to Anaheim two years ago, he worked back East and at Pebble Beach golf course in Carmel, where it once snowed during a Bing Crosby Tournament.

"There's always something different in this job," says Marshall, a tall man in tennis shoes, checkered slacks and a white golf shirt. "Weather and environment set parameters for your day. The weather can kill you. We can't ask grass what's the matter. It will start to die because of disease, too much or too little water—it can be a myriad of things.

"You'd like to go out and say, 'What the hell's the matter? Tell me and I'll fix it.' But you have to guess what's the matter and guess what's going to make it right. You have to try and keep a plant green at all times, even with people beating on it."

Baseball season starts around April Fool's Day with the cross-town Dodger series. Then there are summer concerts and Rams pre-season football games, which overlap with baseball, beginning the first of August.

"Sometimes we have to do an overnight conversion," says Marshall. That means lowering the hydraulic pitching mound, removing several inches of infield material, sodding over the baseball warn-

ing track, taking down fences, installing benches, end zones, field lines, yard markers . . . and then converting right back to a baseball diamond.

"That's the toughest deal at that time of year," Marshall says.

Another tough deal comes in December when hundreds of football players ravage the Anaheim Greensward during four games in three days. "That weekend about tears the field for the rest of the year," declares Marshall. "I can kiss it goodbye then. I kind of mentally pack it in by the time they do that to us. Our concern is to make the field look good for the kickoff and the first five minutes of a football game. After that, there's nothing we can do.

Baseball is the easiest sport from a turf maintenance view but the toughest from a customer relations standpoint, says Marshall. "To meld all the individual desires of players, coaches and managers into a single field is difficult, if not impossible. I've had people tell me the field grass caused the ball to turn right or left.

"Football is the toughest field to maintain but the players don't complain," says Marshall. "They seem to figure they play on their own personal abilities. Real or imagined, in baseball, players tend to regard the field as having a direct effect on the outcome of the game.

As winter progresses and Marshall watches his turf go from bad to worse, he tries to take it in stride. "I've seen just about everything that can go wrong or right," he says. "In the stadium, they're always coming up with new challenges.

"You can't have a 70,000-seat stadium and not use it. You take every event you can possibly handle and sometimes the ones you can't possible handle, like rock concerts."

Marshall and his crew of four groundskeepers handle most arrangements for sports played on grass. But they turn the stadium over to promoters for rock concerts, motorcross and tractor pulls, praying the field is returned in decent condition.

Tractor pulls start in January after football season. All usable sod goes to patch and renovate golf courses and massive amounts of dirt are packed into two tracks. Then fans pack into the stadium to see modified pickups haul trailers around.

"It sells a lot of tickets," admits Marshall. "I'd just as soon listen to my stereo and sip white wine but it sells a lot of tickets. In 10 years it may be ostrich races with betting, or whatever. As a matter of fact, they did have ostrich racing here once.

"Our job is to accommodate any event they want to put on that field," says Marshall. "We can warn them what the results may be of what they do, that when they get done with an event, they can't have verdant green again."

"It's a personal challenge to see how far you can take today's disaster by next Sunday. The challenge is, can we do it?"

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