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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 thier 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 7:30 p.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 Scholorship 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 functionable.

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