



6th Annual Conference & Exhibition a Huge Success!!

Our 6th Annual STMA Conference & Exhibition, held February 4-8, 1995, in Bradenton, FL, was by all accounts a huge success. Attendance and exhibitor participation exceeded our expectations.

The 2nd Annual Seminar on Wheels proved once again to be a big hit. Stops included the Schroder Manatee Sod Farm & Polo Grounds, Manatee Community College, G.T. Bray Park, and Manatee High School.

We had a great turnout at the Golf Tournament at River Run Golf Links. It's always fun to meet new and old friends and enjoy a good game of golf.

All the educational sessions were very well attended and it would have been difficult NOT to have learned something from them. Dr. James Beard, Texas A & M University; and John Souter, Souter of Sterling, Ltd., opened the sessions with a look at "The Sports Turf Industry and its Future," reminding us that the future begins today, and we **all** need to be technologically prepared. Other sessions included Tom Mascaro, Turf-Tech International, on the Evolution in the Development of Turfgrass Equipment; and 30 other experts from the sports turf industry.

Both the Island Theme Night Dinner and the Annual STMA Awards Banquet gave everyone the opportunity to "let their hair down," and have a little good, clean fun. Keynote speaker at the Awards Banquet, Larry Barnett, Senior American League Umpire, made sure of that with a very entertaining look at baseball. Congratulations to all those who were honored at the banquet. A list of award winners is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Trade Show & Demonstration, held Tuesday, February 7th, was another very successful event.

Pirate City is a first class facility and it was a pleasure to be there, not only for the demonstrations, but just to witness what has been done there in the last few years.



Great job Mike Hurd and staff!!

Those of you who were able to attend know just what we mean, those of you who couldn't make it - see what you missed out on? We hope to see you all next year. We will be heading to California in 1996, exact dates and locations are soon to be finalized. Look for a formal announcement in future issues of Sports Turf Manager.

Thank you to all of you who could attend and helped to make this conference the success it was -- we couldn't have done it without you!

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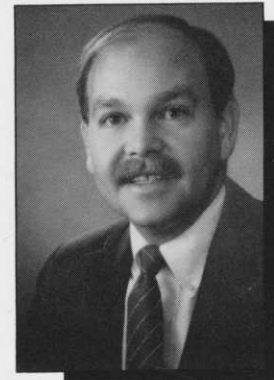
by Greg Petry

President

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my thoughts and feelings upon returning from our 6th Annual Conference in Bradenton, FL. First of all, I'd like to thank Mike Hurd and the staff at Pirate City for hosting this conference. It was a real treat for me to realize that we have reached the point where we can put on a high quality program at a high quality facility.

We really did have something for everyone - from the Seminar on Wheels, which once again proved to be a great success, to the golf outing, and the various educational sessions. Dr. James Beard's talk at the opening session made me realize that we all need to be prepared educationally to keep up with the technological advances available to us. We must be ready to implement these technological advancements into our own operations today. The age of technology is not going to be coming to the sports turf industry in 5-10 years - it's here!

Everything was very well attended and I'm sure that everyone walked away from these programs with at least one good idea to use



Greg Petry

back home. I know I did.

Last but not least, the Annual Banquet is always a high point of the Conference. This year was no exception, with keynote speaker, Senior Major League Umpire, Larry Barnett, providing his amusing perspective on baseball.

The awards presentations are another high point not to be overlooked. Congratulations to Dr. Henry Indyk on being awarded the prestigious Harry C. Gill Award, and to everyone else who came up a winner!

All in all, I think that everyone left with a good feeling about this Conference, and I hope to see you all in Anaheim, California in 1996.

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Mike Hurd (top left), Pirate City; Eli Luster (top right), John Deere; and John Kerr (bottom), NFL Player's Association, offer their expertise and opinions to the attendees at the 6th Annual STMA Conference & Exhibition.



The Colorado Chapter: STMA will hold a Spring Seminar & Workshop from 8:30 A.M to 4:00 P.M. on March 30th at Olympic Park, Aurora, CO. A panel discussion will address the key topic - "Scheduling of Your Field Use - How To Do It and Still Keep Your Grass Alive." Bring your programmer or scheduler to this meeting. It's the perfect opportunity to discuss field use. The program will include a tour of the field and field maintenance demonstrations. Contact: Ross Kurcab, Denver Broncos, at (303) 649-9000.

The Southern California Chapter: STMA will hold a Turf & Landscape Seminar from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on April 27th at Sea World. Multiple demonstrations will cover such topics as: big roll sod, pruning, bedding plants, aeration, and mowing comparisons. Following the afternoon sessions, attendees will be given a behind the scenes tour of the facility and are invited to stay and enjoy Sea World. For information on the Seminar, contact Sea World personnel: Mark Peacock, at (619) 226-3900 ext. 2209; or Jeff Hall, at (619) 226-3900 ext. 2207. For info. on the S. California Chapter contact: Chris Bunnell at (619) 432-2421.

The Midwest Chapter: STMA is planning a Layout and Lining Fields Seminar for May 8th in Elk Grove Village. More details will be announced soon. For information on the Seminar, the Chapter, or other upcoming activities call: The Chapter Hotline (708) 439-4727.

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William Hugh Daniel, 75, professor emeritus at Purdue University, died Feb. 25, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center, W. Lafayette, IN. Dr. Daniel retired from the Department of Agronomy at Purdue in 1985, where he had been on staff for 35 years. He pioneered turfgrass research and educational methods, and was the developer of the PURR-Wick Water Management System and Prescription Athletic Turf (PAT).

Dr. Daniel, recognized as one of the "fathers" of STMA, also was senior author of *The Turf Managers' Handbook*, and author of numerous articles in technical and popular journals.

He is survived by his wife, Gwen, two children, two brothers, one sister, and four grandchildren.

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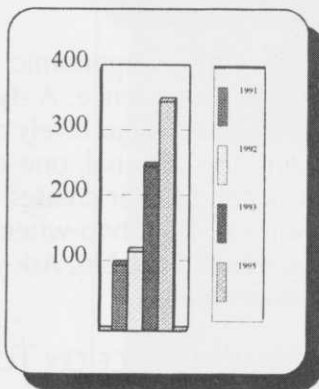
News From STMA Homeplate

by Bret Kelsey, Executive Director

Fresh from the 6th Annual Conference & Exhibition in Bradenton, FL, I must say that I am inspired!

Co-chairs Mike Schiller, Schaumburg Park District; Dr. Henry Indyk, Turfcon, and Eugene Mayer, O.M. Scott, put together a program that drew attendees and exhibitors from all walks. The turnout among members and soon-to-be-members, attendees and exhibitors, people from the North, South, East and West, showed tremendous energy and support for the Sports Turf Managers Association. For those of you who were unable to be there, we hope to bring you portions of the presentations made, through the pages of this publication throughout the year.

In terms of attendance, the 1995 Conference was the best ever. As you can see from this



chart, attendance has tripled in the last three years. We intend

to build on this success with the 1996 Conference which will be held in the Anaheim/Orange County, California area in late January or early February. Look for a formal announcement in the next newsletter.

At the Member Business meeting in Florida, the vote for the two open Board of Directors positions was finalized. Mary Owen, University of Massachusetts Extension Agent, and L. Murray Cook, Stadium Superintendent of the City of West Palm Beach, will each serve a two year term. Other director positions remained unchanged in 1995 (refer to the listing inside the first page).

Congratulations to all of the Awards of Distinction winners - a complete listing appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

On behalf of the STMA leadership and members, I want to extend a special thanks to Mike Hurd, Jeff Podobnick and the Pittsburgh Pirates organization for their hard work and hospitality. Mike and Jeff arranged for an informative Seminar on Wheels bus tour, and Mike and his grounds crew made the Field Day at Pirate City productive for exhibitors and a fantastic educational experience for attendees.

The mix of speakers, including Dr. James Beard, Sports Turf Institute; John Souter, Souter of Sterling, Ltd.; Tom Jadin, Winnebago Mental Health Center; and Larry Barnett, American League Senior Umpire; gave, as one attendee said, "four years of education in four days."

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STMA Award Winners - front row (l-r): Ed Birch; Jim Puhalla, Project Manager, Dave Drevecky Field, Boardman (OH) High School; Mike Williams, Head Groundskeeper, Binghamton (NY) Municipal Stadium; Timothy Moore, Chesapeake Chapter: STMA.
back row (l-r): Joe Maruskin, Dave Drevecky Field; Steve Roser, SportScore Soccer Complex; Dan Bergstrom, Iowa State Univ.; Chris Bunnell, S. California Chapter: STMA; Bob Curry, Covermaster, Dr. David Minner, Iowa State Univ.

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