

Expanded STMA Awards & Bigger and Better Scholarships

Thanks to the hard work of STMA's Awards and Scholarship Committee, the actions of your STMA Board, and your continued support of the Silent Auction and Raffle, our 1997-1998 Scholarship programs will be both "bigger" and "better" than ever before. And – the Committee and Board have made some additions to the Awards program as well.

Starting with this 1997-1998 year, four major awards will be grouped under the "Founders Awards" designation. These Awards will be made to individuals who are nomi-

nated for them, meet the criteria for the appropriate award, and are selected as the most worthy of the honor by the selection panel.

Two new awards, the Dick Ericson Award and the George Toma Award will come under the Founders Award designation.

The Dick Ericson Award will reflect superior performance by the sports turf manager/management of a professional facility, parks and recreation department fields;

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Employment Opportunities

The *Boise (ID) Hawks* have two (2) openings for assistants/interns.

The *Waukegan (IL) Park District* has an opening for a full-time Parks Maintenance Worker III.

The *Vermont Expos* are seeking Turf/Sports Turf Management students to participate in partial Sports Turf Management internships for the 1997 season and future applicants for season long internships for the 1998 season.

For more information on these openings contact STMA Headquarters at (800) 323-3875 OR call the Jobs Hotline at (712) 366-1145.

If you, or anyone you know, has changed jobs, graduated, or received a promotion, or if you know of any available job openings, give us a call here at Headquarters. We'll be more than happy to help get the word out!

WANTED: YOUR INPUT!!

Is there something you'd like to see us cover?

Is there a major project or big event YOU'D like to let people know about?

If so, don't be shy -- call us with your ideas at (800) 323-3875, mail your materials to 1375 Rolling Hills Loop, Council Bluffs, Ia 51503 or FAX to (712) 366-9119.

Q: What do all of these teams have in common?

Oakland A's
Phoenix Cardinals
San Diego Chargers
Los Angeles Dodgers
University of Texas Longhorns
California Angels
San Francisco 49'ers
San Diego State University Aztecs
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college, etc. (to include all of our membership categories except student and commercial).

The George Toma "Golden Rake" Award will follow the basic guidelines set out by Floyd Perry, reflecting the superior performance of a sports turf crew member in "on the job" activities and in community service (the *and then some* factor).

Two existing Awards: The Harry Gill Award and The Excellence in Research Award will come under the Founders Award category. The Excellence in Research Award will be renamed the Dr. William Daniel Award and the revised criteria will include education and teaching as well as research.

Criteria for The Harry Gill Award will remain the same -- for distinguished service to STMA and the industry -- and this will continue to be the top honor STMA can give one of its own.

Nomination criteria for any of these four Awards is available from Headquarters.

The Field of the Year Awards for softball, football and soccer and the S T M A / B e a m C l a y[®] / s p o r t s T U R F Diamond of the Year Awards for baseball remain the same as in previous years. Information on the criteria for these Awards also is available from Headquarters.

Note that each Field of the Year evaluation is made

on the merits of the field as compared to others with similar circumstances, with due consideration to the resources available for field maintenance. Doing the best with what you have is an important consideration to earning the Field of the Year designation.

Scholarships

From 1997-1998 forward, the \$500 Fred Grau Scholarship will be designated for attendees of two-year colleges and technical schools.

A \$750 STMA Scholarship will be designated for attendees of four year colleges.

A \$1,000 STMA Scholarship will be designated for graduate students.

All three of these scholarships will be augmented with up to \$500 for travel expenses to the Conference and a free Conference registration.

Scholarship application forms for 1997-1998 will be sent to schools which have previously requested them. Any school, instructor or student also may request an application form directly from Headquarters.

All completed Award entries and nominations and Scholarship applications must be received by November 30th, 1997, for consideration in the 1997-1998 judging process.

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