

"Steves" Present Toma Golden Rake Award

STMA President, Steve Guise & Executive Director, Steve Trusty, had the joint honor of making a very special presentation on September 25th, in Rocky River, Ohio. Not only was Don Kelly, City of Rocky River Recreation Dept., the 1998 George Toma Golden Rake Award winner - the City decided to honor him by renaming a field at his park - Don Kelly Field! The Mayor and the Director of Recreation were on hand for the naming of the field.

Don was unable to attend the 10th Annual Conference & Exhibition in Mesa, Arizona, due to a family illness and it was decided when Headquarters found out about the field naming that this could be the perfect opportunity to formally present the Award.

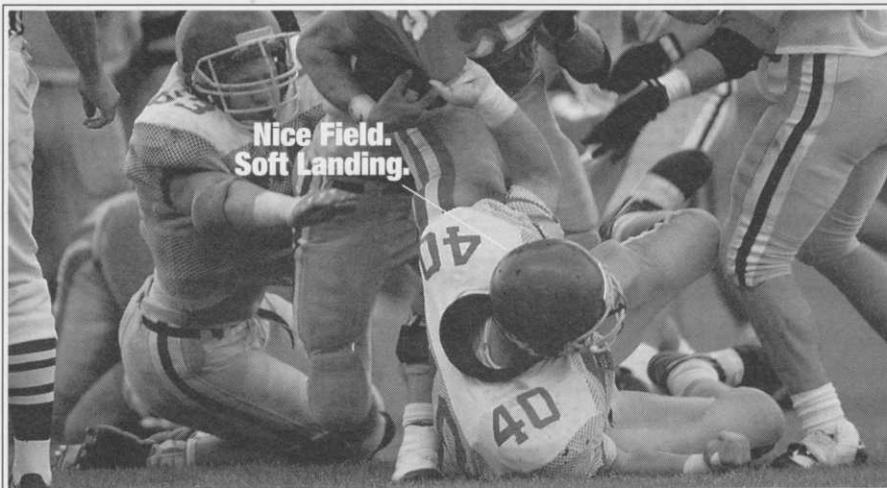
The George Toma Golden Rake Award acknowledges the superior performance of a sports turf crew member in "on the job" activities and in community service - the *and then some* factor.

An ex-Marine, Don played baseball in high school, football in college and baseball in the Marine Corps. He had been an assistant football coach at Baldwin-Wallace College for one year when a position for a baseball coach opened up at Rocky River High School. Don took the job and coached there for 30 years. He also taught health and physical education and was an assistant football coach for 15 years. He has taken care of the fields in the City of Rocky River for the past 13 years. Don maintains 8 baseball fields, 6 soccer fields and 6 flag football fields that receive year-round use. He is always giving 110 percent and is constantly striving to improve the multiple fields under his care. He demonstrates the *and then some* factor by "giving back"

to the community by conducting youth baseball and football camps and clinics during the summer. He does all this at the ripe "young" age of 67!

And so, to Don Kelly, for showing that it is possible to possess *and then some* spirit at

ANY age, from all of in the Sports Turf Managers Association, a hearty CONGRATULATIONS and may you continue your efforts for many years to come!



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