

**... And A Good Time Was Had By ALL!!**

**W**OW! It seems like the Conferences keep getting better every year!

We kicked off the weekend with Category Sessions - one for each Category this year - and they were VERY well received. 150 of those that did not attend the Category Sessions joined in a FANTASTIC Seminar on Wheels tour (even though the Ram Practice Facility had been declared "off limits" as a stop).

As you can see from the picture at right, educational sessions were filled to the limit - AND THEN SOME! Our two motivational sessions by Mike Veeck and Dr. Tom Jadin were big hits! Evaluations compiled so far show that anyone who attended a session - no matter what it was - came away feeling GREAT and learning something! Who could ask for more?!?

We had several International dignitaries in attendance this year, including Ms. Chi Cheng, Swan Sports Ind. Co., Ltd.; Dr. Liu Tien-hsiu, National Sun Yat Sen Univeristy; Mr. John Souter, Sports Turf Consultant, Scotland; and Mr Doron Zur, Deshe Noy from Israel. Joining in the Conference were over 500 total attendees, over 200 first time attendees and a

record number of Exhibitor personnel!

The Awards Banquet was packed with thrills - for Award Winners, Scholarship Recipients and those attending to see who won what!

We elected a new Board of Directors, had our 2nd Annual Chapter Officers Training Session AND introduced two new Chapters...

If you were able to make it - you KNOW what a great time it was! If you weren't able to make it - keep reading for highlights and then - get busy planning for next year in Tampa! The dates for 2001 are January 17th - 21st and we definitely want to see YOU there!



*Wednesday morning's Seminar on Wheels Was a huge success*



*Session attendance was way above our expectations*



*AND - we had a record number of exhibitors at the Trade Show!*



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## President's Message

### We're on a Roll!

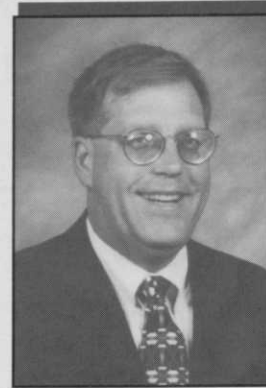
by Rich Moffitt, President

**Wow and thank you!** Wow for the record-breaking turnout we had in St. Louis, with a record number of full-Conference attendees, a record number of Exhibitors, and a record number of attendees at the Chapter Officers Training Session, the opening reception, the trade show reception, the Awards Banquet, the Annual Meeting, and in the educational sessions.

And THANK YOU, to each and every one of you who participated and made this STMA's best Conference ever. Thank you for coming to my city - the Gateway City - St. Louis. Thank you to those of you in the three busloads who joined in the Wednesday Seminar on Wheels tour. Most of all, thank you for being the great group of people you are, for the information sharing and networking that make our Conferences so incredible - and that keep us raising the level of field care to ever higher standards.

It's that networking that initially helped me get involved in STMA. As Director of Grounds and Materials Management for Saint Louis University, I'm responsible for all the grounds, including the athletic fields. In 1990, the University had only one turf sports field, a baseball field. It needed rebuilding and I was to take charge of rebuilding it. When I brought up the project to a colleague of mine, Dr. Dave Minner, who was at that time on the STMA Board of Directors, he told me STMA was filled with resources I could tap into, urged me to get involved, and supplied me with the names of several members to contact.

I followed up with phone calls to those people, who all gave me help, and also gave me the names and telephone numbers of others to contact. Thanks to all those people sharing so much of their time and expertise, I basically built a baseball field over the phone. Obviously, these were connections I wanted to keep. So I joined STMA, attended the next Conference and found it was like my phone experience, only better. It didn't matter that I



**Rich Moffitt**

was the new guy, with what at that time was a small sports field base; everyone was friendly, welcoming me to conversations and freely sharing information. I've not only developed a nationwide network of contacts, I've developed some great friendships.

So, thank you for all that and thank you to all the members of the STMA for the pleasure and honor of allowing me to serve as your President. As a member of your Board of Directors, I've been privileged to serve in several different positions: Membership chair, Treasurer, Conference Chair, and President-Elect. I've gained experience and insight in each of these positions and have had the opportunity to learn more about you - your needs and your wants.

Filling those wants and needs is what's ahead for our Association. One of your Board's prime goals is the development of a strategic plan that will allow STMA to expand our services to members in areas of communication, recognition, research, scholarships, and more. And to do all this while retaining the all-important networking factor, continuing to expand our membership, and retaining the strong financial position we've achieved.

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# Reach New Heights Without Climbing the Walls

Summary of the Presentation by Dr. Tom Jadin, 11th Annual Conference & Exhibition, St. Louis, MO

**D**o hassles like time, pressure, job changes and juggling work and home automatically mean we will go through "problems"? Not necessarily - some hassles we can avoid and some we can't, but the key is not the hassles, but how we handle them. The best tool we have as we live our lives or do our jobs is ourselves. We really are no good to anyone else until we are first a little good to ourselves. Those who survive hassles and thrive show "hardiness," i.e. a **commitment** to who I am and what I'm doing, a feeling of **control** vs. being controlled, and a sense of **challenge** or vigorousness.

In order to achieve this "hardiness," we first need to be able to recognize the signs and symptoms of fading both in our individual lives and in the work group.

These signs include cynical/negative attitudes, "getting out" behaviors, an increased use of sick time, new or increased use of alcohol and other drugs, depression, isolation and friction, suppressed thinking of "customers," less time with customers and trying to feel good and justify "how much" I do.

Some causes of fading can include a supervisor's or co-worker's attitude, lack of preparation or concentrating too much on the public's perception either of you or of the job you do.

In order to overcome this fade and get our lives and jobs back on track - to possess that "hardiness," we need to follow the following guidelines.

For a sense of **commitment** we need to:

- Develop "special friends" someone who accepts you as being **you** - someone who will hold up the mirror so that you can take a good look at yourself.
- Keep a close eye on the environmental factors around

us - personal space as well as the noises, etc. around us.

- Seek "alone" times.
- Shut up, slow down, and think A LOT. Listen to others and practice Detached Concern.
- Hold our opinions loosely.
- Watch our supervisor's and co-worker's attitudes.

For a better sense of **control** we need to:

- Practice a sense of humor.
- Give ourselves the "Awfulness Test."
- Set goals for ourselves and watch the expectations of others.
- Feel good about doing rather than only when we are "done."
- Focus on one thing at a time.
- Insure competency in our job, its process, and in working closely with other people.
- Separate work from home.
- Stop sharing work problems with those at home.
- Realize the difference between stress, burnout, etc. and just "getting old."

For a better sense of **challenge** we need to:

- Force ourselves to be creative.
- Realize the physical/mental connection
- Remain flexible
- Check out our anger levels
- Practice "guts" games
- Broaden our horizons.

Once we can learn to recognize the signs and symptoms and understand how to control them without letting them control us - we will be able to accomplish whatever we set our minds to do!



## President Rich Moffitt has made the following selections for STMA Committees Chairs for 2000:

Membership Co-Chairs: Mike Andresen & Kurt Nilsson; Chapter Relations: Abby McNeal; Education: Dr. Tony Koski;

Education Sub-Committee: Conference: Mike Trigg; Other Education: Dave Rulli;

Annual Conference Chair: Murray Cook; Conference Education: Dr. Tony Koski; Conference Exhibits: Lynda Wightman;

Awards & Scholarships: Tim Moore;

Public Relations Co-Chairs: Vickie Wallace & Bob Tracinski; Technical Standards: Mike DePew; Financial: Bob Campbell;

Strategic Planning: Murray Cook; Past-Presidents: Steve Guise; Category Committee: Tim Moore;

Certification Co-Chairs: Dale Getz & Steve Trusty; and Nominations: Steve Guise.

*If you would like information on any of these committees - or would like to serve on one, please contact the Committee Chair, President Moffitt, or STMA Headquarters.*



# SPORTS TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES FIELD OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) issued its Field of the Year Awards during its 11th Annual Conference and Exhibition held January 12 to 16, 2000, in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Field of the Year Awards** are presented for top maintenance of natural playing surfaces and support facilities in four major sports areas: baseball, softball, football and soccer. The Field of the Year Awards are the highest honor STMA bestows upon a facility. Entrants must supply information on the design of the facility, the uses of the facility that impact the playing surface, the organization of the maintenance program and innovative solutions used to overcome playing surface problems. Photos of specific areas of the field must be provided to document the playability and appearance of the playing surface.

Each of the five judges on the Awards Committee review the entire independently, grading them on each aspect of the criteria. The results of the independent input of the five judges determine the winning field.

**Legion Field** of Birmingham, Alabama, earned the 1999 STMA Football Field of the Year Award in the College/University division.

**James E. Horton, Jr., Deputy Director of the City of Birmingham Department of Horticulture & Urban Forestry**, accepted the Award.

The **Football Field of Stocker Stadium Sports Complex** located in Historic Lincoln Park in the heart of Grand Junction, Colorado, earned the 1999 STMA Football Field of the Year Award in the Parks and Recreation Division.

**Ron Felt, Sports Facility Supervisor for the City of Grand Junction**, accepted the Award.

The **Football Field of Colfax High School** of Northern California's Placer Union High School District, earned the 1999 STMA Football Field of the Year Award in the High School division.

**Ron Uno, Sports Turf Manager, and Jason**

**Campbell, maintenance staff member**, accepted the Award on behalf of the school and the staff.

**Boston College Championship Soccer Field**, located on the lower corner of Boston College's Law School Campus in Newton Centre, Massachusetts, earned the 1999 STMA Soccer Field of the Year Award in the University/College division.

**Patrick Maguire, Geller Sport**, Boston, Massachusetts, accepted the Award.

**Cox Soccer Complex of the City of Farmers Branch**, Texas, earned the 1999 STMA Soccer Field of the Year Award in the Municipal/Parks and Recreation division.

**Robin Edwards, General Supervisor for the City of Farmers Branch and Dennis Sewell, Ballfield Specialist**, accepted the Award on behalf of the City and the Field Maintenance Staff.



*Field of the Year Award Winners: back (l-r) Ron Felt, Patrick Maguire, Russell Fredericks, Dan Bergstrom  
front (l-r) James Horton, Ron Uno, Robin Edward & Dennis Sewell*

The **Redbird Softball Complex**, located on the Illinois State University Campus in Normal, Illinois, earned the 1999 STMA Softball Field of the Year Award in the University/College division.

**Mike O'Grady, Superintendent of Grounds, and Denny Deterding, MEO**, accepted the Award on behalf of the University and the Grounds Services Department.

The **Great Lawn**, located in Central Park within New York City, New York, earned the Sports Turf Manager Association (STMA) 1999 Softball Field of the Year Award in the Municipal/Parks and Recreation division.

**Russell Fredericks, Turf Care Coordinator**, accepted the Award on behalf of the Central Park Conservancy.

The **Baseball Diamond of the Year** awards are presented for top maintenance of natural playing surfaces and support facilities. The Diamond of the Year Awards are the highest honor STMA, together with Beam Clay® and sportsTURF magazine bestow upon a baseball facility. Each of the four judges on the Diamond of the Year Awards

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## Board Meeting Report

Your STMA Board met on January 11, 2000, at the Regal Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis, prior to the STMA Annual Conference. The minutes of the October 23 - 24, 1999, Board Meeting were approved. Treasurer Bob Patt reported that the preliminary financial report for the period ending December 31, 1999, showed STMA continues to build financial reserves while increasing membership services. After review, the financial report and check disbursement listing were both approved by the Board.

Tim Moore reported on the recipients of the STMA/Beam Clay®/sportsTURF 1999 Baseball Diamond of the Year awards. The other STMA Field of the Year Award selections had been made by the end of November and previously reported to the Board. Moore noted that, as previously approved by the Board, beginning in 2000, the Baseball Awards will be integrated into the overall STMA Awards program. He also reported that following the call for sponsorship of the overall awards and scholarship program sent to all commercial STMA members, four sponsors had made the commitment to date. Those sponsors are: Partac Peat Corp. (Beam Clay), Hunter Industries, West Coast Turf, and Covermaster Inc.

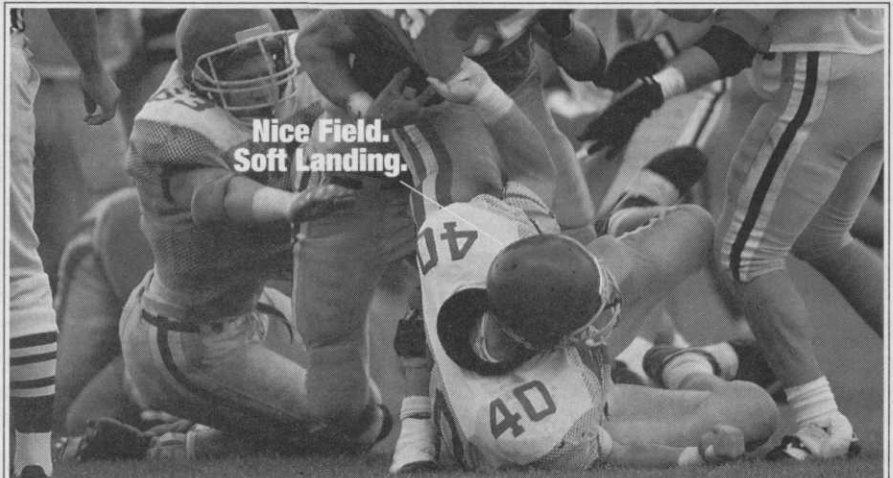
Steve Trusty reported that Abby McNeal had put together an excellent Chapter Officers Training Session (COTS) program and a record number of Chapters and individuals would be attending. Some Chapters are covering the travel and hotel expenses of one or more of their attendees. The costs of the COTS program are funded by the Chapter Sponsors. All four Chapter Sponsors from 1999 have committed to sponsorship at the same level for 2000.

Tom Burns reported that the Category I survey, which would be circulated during the Category I session, had

been faxed to all other Category session leaders for use in designing their own surveys if they wished. Tabulations will be done by STMA Headquarters. Changes in the timing of the Category Sessions will be made for the 2001 Conference to

eliminate conflict with the Seminar on Wheels tour or the golf outing.

Rich Moffitt proposed, and the Board approved, changing the Category I Committee to the Category Committee, with each of *continued on page 10*

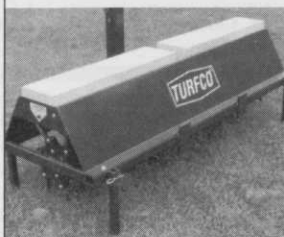


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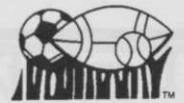
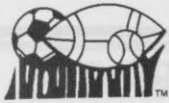
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### **Congratulations to STMA's Newest Affiliated Chapters: The Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona and the Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association.**

#### **The Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona**

For information on upcoming events or on the chapter, contact: Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department, at (602) 312-7954.

#### **The Gateway Chapter: STMA**

For information on upcoming events or on the chapter, contact: Jim Anthony, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, at: (314) 977-3228.

#### **Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO Chapter: STMA)**

KAFMO/STMA's 4th annual Pennsylvania Athletic Field Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn at Grantville on February 24, 2000. Along with vendor displays, the Conference will feature nationally recognized speakers: Dr. Dave Minner of Iowa State University; Andy McNitt of Penn State University; and Steve Trusty of STMA.

KAFMO also will participate in the Northwest Pennsylvania Athletic Field Turf and Ornamentals Conference which will be held on March 21, 2000, at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA.

For information on the KAFMO Chapter STMA or upcoming events, contact: Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at (610) 375-8469, extension 212 or via the chapter e-mail address: kafmo@aol.com.

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NTSTMA has elected officers for 2000. They are: President - Dr. James McAfee, Texas A & M University;

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NTSTMA is planning a Sports Turf Seminar for March 2, 2000, to be held in conjunction with Texas A & M Extension. Program topics are: Irrigation Audit; Skinned Fields and Mounds; Grass Maintenance/Heat of Summer; Working with Your Programming/Scheduling; Liability/Maintenance Sheets; and Transition.

For information on the North Texas Chapter or pending activities, contact: Rene Asprion, Diamond Pro, at (800) 228-2987 or Dr. James McAfee, Texas A & M University, at (972) 952-9220, or check the website: [www.ntstma.org](http://www.ntstma.org).

#### **Florida Chapter #1: STMA**

The Florida Chapter will participate in the IFAS/South Florida Expo on March 16, 2000. The Chapter also will meet on May 16th at the Miami Dolphins training camp. Meeting focus will be weed control.

For information on the Florida Chapter or pending activities, contact: John Mascaro at (954) 341-3115.

#### **The Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association**

For information on the Colorado Chapter or upcoming activities, log on to the Chapter's Web site: [www.cstma.org](http://www.cstma.org) or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline: (303) 346-8954.

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# Doc's Dugout - An Inning from our Past & Present

by Dr. Kent Kurtz, STMA Historian

## Similarities an Ocean Apart - Part III

The Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG), founded in 1934, is the leading organization in Europe that represents not only groundsmen but also other professionals involved in green-keeping, horticulture, turfculture and amenity management. The IOG's more than 4,000 members represent all facets of the industry from the practicing user to the industry supplier, to the consultant.

The first IOG exhibition was organized in 1938 and was the forerunner of today's SALTEX Sports, Amenity and Landscape Trade Exhibition, which is held annually at the Windsor Racecourse during the first week in September. The SALTEX Exhibition attracts an international audience. The 1999 Exhibition attracted over 15,500 visitors and 420 commercial companies in 3 days.

The IOG's own journal, "The Groundsman," was introduced in 1947 and currently has a circulation of almost 6,000. It serves an essential need for communication and education to the amenity and sports industries, education and training establishments, local government agencies and the IOG members.

The IOG introduced a Consultancy Service in 1990 and its function is to advise organizations regarding construction, development and management of sports and amenity facilities. This service utilizes full-time, experienced grounds managers who are IOG members. They provide site visits for assessment and diagnosis and make recommendations. In addition, turf clinics are held to provide advice on all turf related problems. They design maintenance and management programs for groundsmen, assist with staff recruitment and contract supervision, advise on pesticide laws and safety regulations as well as give advice on staffing and equipment for those involved for the first time in management and maintenance of facilities. They also provide in-house training packages.

The primary mission of the IOG is Training, Education and Career Development. The IOG introduced an examination system in 1953, which conducts an annual program of short courses, which incorporate the latest science and

technology of turfculture as they relate to the maintenance and management of sports and amenity surfaces. This program awards Certificates and Diplomas that are approved by the Secretary of State for Education and Employment and are recognized by the Sport, Recreation, Amenity and Landscape Industries. There are four educational levels available to groundsmen beginning with the basic National Practical Certificate and advancing through the National Technical Certificate to the National Intermediate Diploma, and finally the National Diploma in Turfculture.

Today, the Institute continues to evolve by bringing together the industries and organizations that depend on the expertise of groundsmen and related professionals. And, as the STMA is always striving for continued growth in the same manner, we plan on working closely with the IOG to help perpetuate this growth.



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## SIX SCHOLARSHIPS ISSUED AT STMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Six scholarships were issued at the Sports Turf Managers Association's (STMA) 11th Annual Conference and Exhibition held January 12 to 16, 2000, in St. Louis, Missouri.

The \$500 Dr. Fred Grau Scholarship, since 1997 designated for the students of two year technical programs or community colleges, was presented to Joe Damico, a sophomore majoring in the Sports and Commercial Turf Management program of Michigan State University.

This year, STMA awarded two \$750 Annual Scholarships for under-

graduate students of four-year college or university programs. One was presented to Gabriel Siapin, a junior majoring in the Ornamental Horticulture/Landscape Management Program of Cal Poly Pomona. The other was presented to Ryan Seidenberger, a junior majoring in the Agronomy/Turfgrass Management Program at Texas A & M University.

The first of two scholarships established by The Toro Company in the name of long-time green industry researcher and consultant, Dr. James R. Watson is a \$1,000 Scholarship issued to undergraduate student. Matthew Hallman, a senior majoring in Turfgrass Sciences at the Pennsylvania State University was the recipient of this Scholarship.

The second Dr. James R. Watson Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 was issued to graduate student Jay Hudson, who is involved in the graduate program in Horticulture/Turfgrass Management at Iowa State University.

The STMA \$1,000 Annual Scholarship for graduate students was presented to Josh Honig who is currently involved in research in the graduate program in Turfgrass Science/Soil Physical Properties at Rutgers University.

STMA recognizes that the future of the industry lies in the education, dedication and commitment of outstanding students such as these.

Funding for the STMA scholarships comes from the membership through participation in the Raffle, Silent and Live Auctions at the Association's annual Conference held each January, and through special contributions earmarked for the Scholarship Fund. In addition to the monetary award, all of the STMA, Fred Grau and Dr. James R. Watson Scholarship recipients are provided with full registration to the STMA Annual Conference and up to \$500 toward their expenses to attend the Conference.



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## Board Meeting Report

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the Board members representing a Category serving as members of that committee.

Moffitt also noted that, with the establishment of the strategic planning committee and the Board's approval of proceeding with the strategic planning initiative, the Past Presidents Committee would change its focus to historical issues, but would remain as "unofficial" advisors. The input of those guiding this association from its beginnings is a valued asset to the Board and all the membership.

Conference Education Chair Bob Campbell reported on the status of the program and the excellent response by attendees in signing up for the two-hour workshops. Exhibits Chair Bob Curry noted all possible booth space had been sold and Headquarters had compiled a waiting list that could not be accommodated. The decision to hold the 2001 trade show in the Tampa Convention Center will allow sufficient room for growth. The Board approved the booth costs and contract details for 2001 and sign up sheets for that trade show were included in the packets the exhibitors received at registration.

Moffitt noted he had been notified the end of the previous week that the Rams had closed their practice field to all outsiders, including our Seminar on Wheels tour. He had arranged an alternate site visit. Those at the registration area were all to be informed of the change and the guides on all three of the buses were to be given an announcement to read before the buses departed so all participants would be aware of the change.

Trusty noted a Chapel Service had been added to the Sunday agenda, with Randy Mayfield & Rick Horton, who work with the Baseball Chapel and the Fellowship of Student Athletes conducting the service.

The Board reviewed the Certification Committee Recommendations on the criteria for CEU evaluation on the Conference and other educational programs. Trusty reported that Ross Kurcab of the Denver Broncos was the first individual to qualify for and successfully complete the test to achieve Certified Sports Field Manager status. Additional individuals have qualified for testing and five will be taking the test at the Conference.

Trusty reported that the Sports Turf Foundation Committee would be meeting at the Conference and requested funding to move forward in the legalities of establishment of the Foundation. The Board approved the funding and directed the Committee to move forward.

Trusty reported that both the Arizona Chapter and Gateway Chapter had completed the requirements for affiliation. The Board approved the affiliation of these Chapters.

The Board reviewed and approved the proposal for the 1999 Audit.



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## Chapter Events

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### **The Great Lakes Sports Turf Managers Association (GLSTMA)**

GLSTMA will participate in the Ohio State University extension Athletic Field short course to be held at Camp Cheerful in Strongsville, Ohio, on March 9 and 10. For more information on this event, contact Barbara Bloetscher: (614) 292-7457.

For information on the GLSTMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Joe Zelinko at (800) 897-9714 or Boyd Montgomery at (419) 885-1982 or click on your computer to [www.glstma.org](http://www.glstma.org) to visit the chapter's website.

### **Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association**

The Wisconsin Chapter will hold its Spring Meeting be in Appleton, WI, in early May at the Nienhaus Sports Complex and the Appleton North High School Athletic Fields. The exact date and further details will be announced soon.

For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter or pending events, contact: Rich Riggs, R. H. Rettler & Associates, Inc. at (715) 341-2633.

### **Midwest Chapter: STMA**

For information on the Midwest Chapter or pending activities, call: The Chapter Hotline (847) 622-3517.

### **Minnesota Chapter:STMA**

For information on the Minnesota Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Connie Rudolph at (651) 646-1679 or Ron Werner at (507) 634-1176.

### **Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association**

For information on the TVSTMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc. at (913) 380-0023 or Bob Hogan at 888/224-6426.

### **The Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association**

For information on the Nor-Cal STMA Chapter or pending activities, contact: Janet Gift at 530/758-4200.

### **Southern California Chapter:STMA**

For information on the Southern California Chapter or pending activities, contact: The Chapter Hotline: (1-888) 578-STMA (toll free in Southern California).

### **Indiana Chapter: STMA**

For information on the Indiana Chapter or pending activities, contact: Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at (219) 356-8424 or Pat Hickner at (800) 672-4273.

### **The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association**

For information on the Iowa Chapter or upcoming

activities, contact: Lori Westrum at The Turf Office at (515) 232-8222 (phone) or (515) 232-8228 (fax) or e-mail: [Lori@iowaturfgrass.org](mailto:Lori@iowaturfgrass.org).

### **The Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association**

For information on the Chapter or pending events, contact: Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools, at (616) 395-2364.

### **The Mid-Atlantic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA)**

For information on the MAFMO Chapter or pending activities, contact the Hotline: (410) 290-5652.

### **The Mid-South Chapter STMA**

For information on the Mid-South Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Jim Calhoun at (901) 755-1305 or Robert Bodi at (901) 383-2414.

### **Chapters On The Grow**

**Nebraska** - A new Chapter is taking shape in Nebraska. For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact: Greg Bostelman, City of Grand Islands, at (308) 385-5426.

**New Jersey** - For information on the forming chapter or upcoming events, contact: Jim Gavigan, Lesco, at (732) 248-8979 or Eleanora Pene, Director, Township of Clinton Parks & Recreation Department, at (908) 735-5999.

**Kansas City, Missouri - Kansas area.** A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 1, at Kauffman Stadium, home of the Kansas City Royals. This event will feature demonstrations on mound and home plate building; basepath preparation and maintenance; field painting; and equipment use. Question and answer sessions with those providing the demonstrations will be part of the program.

For information on the forming Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Trevor Vance at 816/504-4271; John Cundiff at 816/525-7600; Bill Tritt at 816/941-4424; Jody Gill at 913/681-4121; Gary Custis at 816/468-6215; or Jay Sutton at 816/795-8873.

### **STMA Outreach**

*Steve Wightman, Stadium Turf Manager of Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, and STMA Executive Director Steve Trusty, teamed up on the Stadium Managers Association program in Hawaii on February 2.*

*STMA will be represented with a booth in the Association/University section of the trade show at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Conference in New Orleans, February 18 - 20.*

# SPORTS TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES FIELD OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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Committee are head groundskeepers for Major League Baseball facilities.

**Jetform Park**, home of Ottawa Lynx, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, earned the 1999 STMA/Beam Clay®/sportsTURF Magazine Baseball Diamond of the Year honors in the Professional category.

**Peter Webb and Brad Keith, Head Groundskeepers for the Ottawa Lynx Baseball Club**, were unable to attend the Conference to personally accept the award.

**Shively Field at Cliff Hagan Stadium**, located on the campus of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, earned the 1999 STMA/Beam Clay®/sportsTURF Magazine Baseball Diamond of the Year honors in the College/University category.

**Dan Bergstrom, Head Groundskeeper**, accepted the Award on behalf of the University, himself and the crew.

**M. S. Deal Stadium of Granite Falls**

**Middle School** in Granite Falls, North Carolina, earned the 1999 STMA/Beam Clay®/sportsTURF Magazine Baseball Diamond of the Year honors in the School/Municipal or Park category.

**G. C. Trivett, who serves as Athletic Director, Head Football Coach and Physical Education Instructor for the school**, accepted the award.

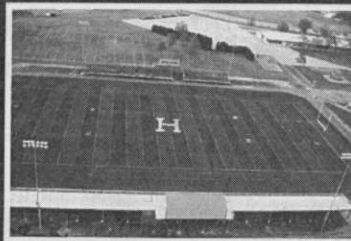
*For more information on the Field of the Year Awards Program, the STMA Founders Awards, the STMA Scholarship Program, STMA Headquarters or Tim Moore, Awards & Scholarships Chair.*



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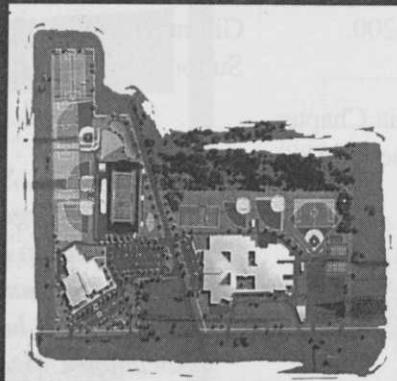
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# Headquarters Report

by Steve Trusty, Executive Director

Evidently all the preparation paid off. Your headquarters office suffered no problems from the so-called Y2K bug. All systems are normal. We did backup and archive all computer records before shutting down on the 31st.

Obviously, the biggest event of the New Year was the Conference in St. Louis. It was great seeing so many of you there. It was a special treat to meet for the first time so many of the 205 who were attending their first STMA Conference. From what many of them have told us, they don't plan to miss any future ones. Those of you that didn't make it to St. Louis missed a great Conference and Trade Show. A new record was set for Full Conference Registrants and for Exhibitors. A special Thank You to all who helped with Registration, Book assembly, passing out evaluation sheets, merchandise and book sales, the auction and raffle, and all the other areas whenever they were asked. Space and memory don't allow me name everyone that helped out, but special recognition should go to Henry and Mary Indyk, Char Schiller, Pam Saul, M. J. Calvert, Mary Owen and Bob Campbell.

Plans are already underway for the 2001 Conference in Tampa. Mark your calendar for January 17 to 21 and make plans to be there. Our hotel is the brand new Tampa Marriott Waterside, directly across the street from the Tampa Convention Center, site for our Trade Show. We have already sold over 60 booth spaces. This Conference and Show promise to be even bigger and better than the past one. You won't want to miss it. Be sure to budget for it and start letting whoever controls the purse strings know the benefits of attending will help you do your job even better. If you need any help, talk to any of this year's attendees for information on what they gained from attending. We have a limited number of the attendee books containing speaker outlines and other worthwhile information available if you would like to purchase one. See the notice elsewhere in this issue.

Interest and applications for the CSFM program keep rolling in. Congratulations to those already certified. Terri will be happy to process your application when you are ready to go through the process.

We have been contacted by a company that is producing a 30 minute TV show on "New Turf

Technologies" for airing on CNBC as a part of The Cutting Edge Technology Report: Techno 2100. Clark Gaines from the NFL Players Association and Vince Patterozzi with the Baltimore Ravens were the initial contacts of the Producer and suggested STMA get involved. Any of you that feel that you might have something to contribute to the project are welcomed and encouraged to contact the office. Since I will need to share the information with several people, I would appreciate it if you would put your thoughts in writing and mail (snail or e-) to the office or fax to 800/366-0391. The more input we have, the better. You just may be able to see yourself on TV also. In any event, this should be a great opportunity to get the word out about what sports turf managers do.

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# STMA 2000 Annual Meeting Report

The STMA Annual Meeting was called to order by President Steve Guise at 12:20 PM on January 15, 2000, at the Regal Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.

Membership Committee Chair, Kurt Nilsson, reported that 1999 STMA membership had culminated with a growth rate of 26.5 percent over 1998. He challenged each STMA current member to bring one qualified individual into the membership ranks for 2000.

Treasurer Bob Patt reported STMA ended 1999 with a greater than budgeted amount of income over expenses, further strengthening the Association's financial base. He thanked all STMA members, Commercial Members and Exhibitors and Conference attendees for their continued support of STMA and its programs.

Awards & Scholarships Committee Chair, Tim Moore, announced the new sponsorship program and noted that part of that sponsorship



*Your new STMA Board of Directors*  
 back (l-r): Mike Andresen; Steve Trusty, Executive Director; Murray Cook; Rich Moffitt; Tom Burns; Steve Guise; Monty Montague  
 front (l-r): Dave Rulli, Lynda Wightman, Tim Moore, Bob Campbell  
 (Mike Trigg & Dr. Tony Koski were not available for the picture)

would provide some financial support of expenses to help the recipients attend the Annual Conference and Awards Banquet.

By-laws Chair, Mike Schiller, reported the proposed changes in the by-laws had been passed almost unanimously by the membership.

Steve Trusty announced the two new affiliated chapters: the Arizona Chapter and the Gateway Chapter.

Rich Moffitt announced the Board had approved the continuation of the Strategic Planning initiative and asked all those who would like to provide input or ideas to please forward them to STMA Headquarters.

Chair of the Technical Standards Committee, Mike DePew, reported that he is continuing to work with the ASTM on standards and guidelines pertaining to athletic fields and will keep the membership informed of progress on those items.

Mike Schiller reported the results of the Election of Officers and Directors as voted by the STMA Membership.

Automatically moving from president-elect to president, according to the STMA by-laws, is your new president, Rich Moffitt. Steve Guise automatically moves to the immediate past president position. Elected by the mail vote of the STMA membership, again according to the STMA

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# STMA 2000 Annual Meeting Report

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by-laws, are: **President Elect - Murray Cook, Commercial Vice-President - Lynda Wightman; Secretary - Tim Moore, Treasurer - Bob Campbell.** Elected to the **Category II** position, representing four year colleges and universities sports turf facility managers, is **Mike Andresen**; elected to the **Category IV** position, representing parks and recreational sports turf managers, is **Mike Trigg** and elected to the new **Category VIII** position, representing those with teaching, research or extension responsibilities, is **Dr. Tony Koski**.

Also on the board, beginning the second year of his two year term is **Tom Burns**, representing **Category I**, professional facility sports turf managers. Moving into the second year of the two-year term of his appointment to the **Category III** position is **Dave Rulli**, representing sports turf managers of schools other than four-year colleges and universities.

Lynda Wightman's election to the

Commercial Vice-President position leaves a vacancy in the **Category V** board position. According to the STMA by-laws, incoming President, **Rich Moffitt**, will appoint the new **Category V** Board member.

Steve Guise handed over the gavel to new President **Rich Moffitt**.

President **Moffitt** appointed **Monty Montague** to the **Category V** Board position.

Those going off the Board after completing long-term commitments to STMA were honored: **Bob Curry, Bob Patt** and **Mike Schiller**.

**Rich Moffitt** announced the year 2000 Committee Chair Assignments. (See list on page 3).

President-Elect **Murray Cook** announced the next annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the STMA Annual Conference & Exhibition to be held **January 17 - 21, 2001**, in **Tampa, Florida**.

The meeting was adjourned at **1 :15 PM** by President **Rich Moffitt**.



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## Report on STMA Board Post Conference Meeting

The STMA Board met on **January 16, 2000**, from **4:10 PM to 5:45 PM** at the **Regal Riverfront Hotel** in **St. Louis Missouri**.

This is a post-conference review session, another of the responsibilities of your STMA Board Members. Along with the review, other business conducted included the assignment to committee chairs to establish their full committees and the funding of expenses for the STMA Technical Committee chair.

The next Board Meeting will be held on **March 3 and 4, 2000**, at a site yet to be announced. Anyone having input for that Board meeting, or questions about any of the administrative functions of STMA, is invited to contact STMA Headquarters or any of your Board members.



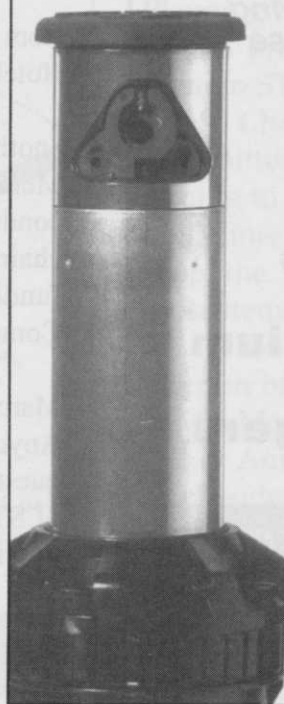
## Welcome New STMA Members

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<b>Jeff Owens</b> Central College Pella, IA	<b>Mark Petty</b> Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN	<b>Gary Power</b> Georgetown-Scott Co. P & R Georgetown, KY	<b>Chuck Pula</b> City of Winter Springs Winter Springs, FL	<b>Mike Reisenauer</b> Washington State Univ. Pullman, WA
<b>Greg Reynolds</b> City of Pearland Pearland, TX	<b>Susan D. Reynolds</b> Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech. Terre Haute, IN	<b>Larry Rhodes</b> Elon College Elon College, NC	<b>W.G. "Dusty" Rhodes</b> Elon College Elon College, NC	<b>Paul Richardson</b> Berwin Park District Berwin, IL
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# SPORTS TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION ISSUES AWARDS OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**S**TMA issued Awards of special recognition at the 11th Annual Conference.

The recipient of the 1999 **Harry C. Gill Memorial Award** was **Dale Getz, CSFM, Athletic Facilities Manager for the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.**

The Harry C. Gill Memorial Award is one of STMA's four Founders Awards - the highest awards issued by the association. Harry Gill was STMA's second president, serving in that capacity from 1982 - 1983. His commitment to the sports turf industry and his support of the goals and standards on which STMA is based are legendary. The Gill Award denotes an individual's long-time service and commitment to STMA and those same goals and standards.

Dale has achieved the status of Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM). He oversees the athletic fields and facilities of one of finest, and most visible, collegiate sports venues in the World. Notre Dame sports fans fill the stands and view the action via television, with the playing fields always at the heart of the viewing. Through all the scrutiny, player safety and field playability remain the prime factors of his program with aesthetics ranking third in importance.

Dale is a longtime member of STMA at both the National and Chapter levels. He's shared his expertise through on-site meetings with Notre Dame athletic fields as the backdrop for hands-on learning, through speaking at numerous conferences, writing for regional and national publications, and as a

resource for the one-on-one networking so vital to the growth of professionalism within STMA and the sports turf industry.

Mr. Getz has served as co-chair of the STMA Certification Program, overseeing its development from an idea to reality. He continues in that capacity to advance the program benefits and importance to all those building, maintaining, using and observing athletic fields. The consummate professional, his contributions to furthering the goals and objectives of the Association and its role within the green industry have been outstanding.

The recipient of the 1999 **Dick Ericson Award** was **G. C. (George) Trivett, Athletic Director**

**for Granite Falls Middle School, Granite Falls, North Carolina.**

The Dick Ericson Award is another of STMA's four Founders Awards - the highest awards issued by the association. It was named for Mr. Ericson in honor of the significant contributions that he has made to STMA, including serving as its first President in 1981-1982, and his continuing impact in raising the level of professionalism within the industry. This Award is issued to someone who is planning and executing the sports turf management of their facility and represents the ideals established by Mr. Ericson.

Mr. Trivett, the 1999 recipient, is a physical education teacher and *continued on page 18*

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head football coach with 23 years experience at Granite Falls Middle School. He has been Athletic Director for the past 18 years, as well as being in charge of the maintenance at all the athletic facilities. Attesting to his expertise in sports turf management, the school's major facility, the multi-sport M. S. Deal Stadium, was named the 1999 STMA/Beam Clay®/sportsTURF magazine Diamond of the Year in the school, municipal or park category.

Mr. Trivett has been a member of STMA since 1986, has earned the Certified Grounds Manager designation from the Professional Grounds Management Society, and is a member of the North Carolina Turfgrass Council and the Southern Turfgrass Association.

Mr. Trivett has marshaled the community in his continuing improvements of the school's athletic fields, always making the most of his resources. He's shared his expertise through his participation in workshops, through speaking at turf seminars, and through providing information and persuasive drive to improve local and regional athletic facilities.

Through his individual activities, his demonstrated leadership, and his continuing contributions, G. C. Trivett is positively impacting the sports turf industry.

The recipient of the 1999 **Dr. William H. Daniel Award** was **Dr. Donald V. Waddington, Professor Emeritus of Soil Science, with Pennsylvania State University.**

The Dr. William H. Daniel Award, (formerly the Excellence in Research Award), is another one of STMA's four Founders Awards - the highest Awards issued by the Association. The Award was named for the late Dr. Daniel in behalf of his pioneering efforts and long-term support of STMA. The pattern he set for the partnership between the educators in this industry and the sports turf managers who incorporate the knowledge, training and research advances in practical, on-the-field applications is key to the progress that has been made, and continues to be made, in providing better and safer sports turf areas.

The Dr. Daniel Award was presented to Dr. Waddington for the tremendous impact that he has made in the sports turf industry. During his tenure at Penn State he taught more than 1100 students, published over 50 refereed articles in scientific journals, edited 3 books, wrote 4 book chapters, published over 80 trade magazine articles, and presented more than 200 public lectures or seminars. He led the development of an impact absorption apparatus

and traction measuring device (Penn-Foot) for evaluation of athletic fields. His expertise in soil science has contributed significantly to the foundation of information used today in athletic field construction, maintenance, and playability assessment.

Dr. Waddington is a frequent speaker at turf conferences and workshops throughout the U.S. He serves as Chair of the Natural Playing Surface Subcommittee, which is within the Sports Equipment and Facilities Committee of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). He also has served as visiting scientist in the Turfgrass program



**Founders Award Winners (l-r): G.C. Trivett; John Souter (1998 Garry C. Gill Memorial Award Winner); Dale Getz; Boyd Montgomery & Dr. Don Waddington (Bob Curry & Floyd Perry were unavailable for photo)**

at Mississippi State University.

This Award recognizes Dr. Waddington's past accomplishments, present dedication, and continued years of service to the sports turf industry.

The recipient of the **1999 George Toma Golden Rake Award** was **Boyd "Rob" Montgomery, Facilities and Maintenance Director for Sylvania Recreation, Sylvania, Ohio.**

The George Toma Golden Rake Award is another of STMA's four Founders Awards - the highest awards issued by the association. It was named for one of STMA's Founders, Mr. George Toma, whose work with the National Football League on Super Bowl field preparation has made him one of the Association's most high profile members. Besides being one of STMA's Founders, Mr. Toma is also a long-time STMA supporter, who has served, and continues to serve, as a mentor for many of those in the sports turf industry.

The recipient of this Award is someone who is on

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that quest to reach their goals and is demonstrating the "and then some" spirit which is so much a part of Mr. Toma's approach to sports turf management.

Mr. Boyd "Rob" Montgomery, the 1999 recipient, has provided Sylvania Recreation with top-notch recreation facilities for the last 6 years. His expertise is demonstrated by the 1998 STMA Softball Field of the Year Award earned by one of the many athletic fields within his program. He shares his expertise by serving as a speaker and workshop leader both in Ohio turfgrass and parks and recreational conferences, at regional conferences and at the national level through the STMA Annual Conference.

Mr. Montgomery is President of the Great Lakes Sports Turf Managers Association and actively promotes both GLSTMA and STMA.

He demonstrates the "and then some" factor through such community outreach activities as his recent assistance with the field maintenance program and field renovation of one of the Sylvania school system stadium fields. He's also President of the Sylvania Chamber of Commerce and has chaired the Chamber's golf outing and served on its arts show program and fall festival committees.

Mr. Montgomery's outstanding dedication and commitment exemplify the standards recognized by the George Toma Golden Rake Award.

Recipient of the **Outstanding Commercial Affiliate Award for 1999** was **Covermaster Inc. of Rexdale, Ontario, Canada.**

The Award was presented to Covermaster in recognition of the company's long-standing and continuing support of STMA and of the personal commitment to STMA demonstrated by company President, Bob Curry.

The company is a long-term advertising supporter of STMA's publications; helps support the annual Conference; and continues to promote professionalism within the sports turf industry. Bob Curry, President of Covermaster Inc., has been a dedicated STMA Board member, serving as Category V (commercial) representative, Commercial Vice President, and as Exhibits Chair of the STMA Annual Conference & Exhibition. In addition, Mr. Curry has actively promoted STMA and its programs for field safety, playability, and increased professionalism within the sports turf industry across North America and overseas.

The recipient of the **1999 Presidents Award** was **Floyd Perry, Director of GMS (Grounds Maintenance**

**Services) for Sports Fields, Orlando, Florida.**

Mr. Perry is a long-time supporter of STMA and of the sports turf industry. This Award was presented, "In grateful recognition for the sharing of knowledge that exemplifies the Sports Turf Managers Association Mission Statement." The STMA Mission Statement is: "To be the leader in the sports turf industry, to enhance, promote and improve professionalism through excellence in communication, training, research, education and services.

Mr. Perry's continuing efforts to bring high standards of safety and playability to every athletic field through his clinics and workshops, speaking at local, regional and national conferences, and through his books and newsletters have made a positive impact throughout the industry. In addition, he is an active member of the STMA Certification Committee. Mr. Perry spreads the message of the importance of wise use of existing resources to create the best possible playing conditions for athletes of any age or level of ability.



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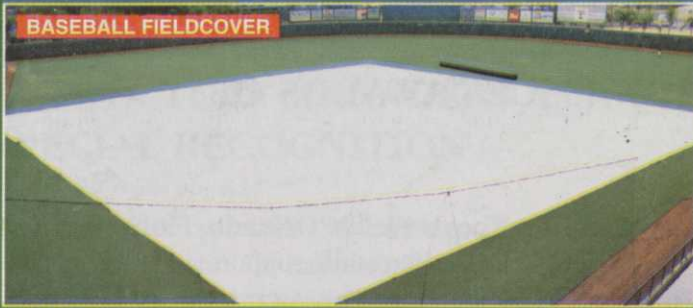
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