

SPORTS TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION ISSUES AWARDS OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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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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