

# 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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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.

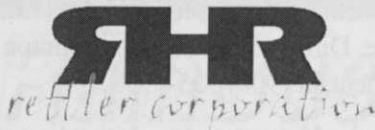
**Dan Bergstrom, Head Groundskeeper**, accepted the Award on behalf of the University, himself and the crew.

**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.

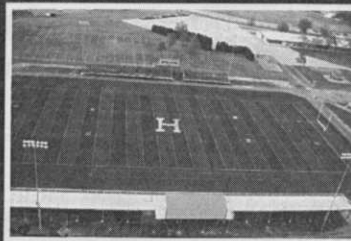
**G. C. Trivett, who serves as Athletic Director, Head Football Coach and Physical Education Instructor for the school**, accepted the award.

*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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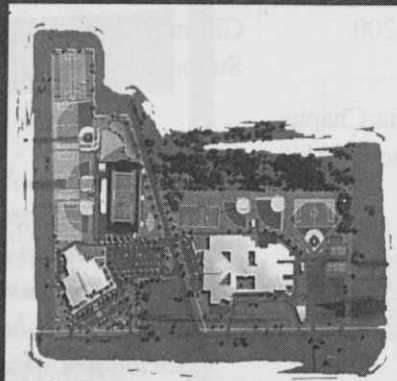
Hartford Union High School District

"Gib Mahr Field"

"Lake Geneva Athletic Complex"

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Award Winner



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