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Lexington, KY

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Moberly, MO

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Fayette, IA

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Turf Star
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City of Carrollton
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Clark Companies
Delhi, NY

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Long Beach, CA

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Louisville Bats
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Jessup, MD

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Greener Grass Systems, Inc.
Eau Claire, WI

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Iowa Cubs Baseball
Des Moines, IA

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Clark Companies
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Jackson, WY

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Bourbonnais, IL

Eric Williams
Pro Player Stadium
Miami, FL

Clark Wooten
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Newton Grove, NC

STMA Issues Awards of Special Recognition

The Sports Turf Managers Association issued Awards of special recognition during its 13th Annual Conference and Exhibition held January 16 to 20, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The recipient of the 2001 Dr. William H. Daniel Award was Dr. Coleman Y. Ward, *(left in photo with Rich Moffitt)* Professor Emeritus of Auburn University.



The Dr. William H. Daniel Award is 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.

Dr. Ward has been an educator, resource and mentor

in the turf industry, both during his pre-retirement years, and just as strongly in his retirement years. He has been a supporter of the sports turf industry recognizing the special needs of the profession and working to coordinate and facilitate the spread of information among industry professionals and among those entering the industry. He also has worked to help gain recognition of the sports turf factor within the general turf industry and the entire green industry, with field user groups, facility owners and managers and the general public.

Dr. Ward has served as a speaker at sports turf conferences on the national, regional and state levels. The articles he has developed for numerous turf publications continue to contribute to the educational and professional body of knowledge that is elevating field maintenance prac-

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tices throughout the industry. This Award recognizes his ongoing contributions to the development of sports turf management practices that fit the needs of athletes within the parameters of today's multi-use facilities.

The recipient of the 2001 George Toma Golden Rake Award was Terry Nance, Horticulture instructor for Cape Fear High School near Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The George Toma Golden Rake Award 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. The recipient of this Award is someone who is on 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.

Nance has demonstrated the "and then some" factor in building the school's agriculture program from one



that maintained approximately 70 students and one instructor, to one that presently contains over 200 students and two instructors. He is the only instructor in the 35 county Eastern Region of North Carolina that provides a Career Day for his students. Nance assumes the responsibility of management of the Cape Fear High School athletic fields in keeping with his philosophy of extending the classroom to hands on exposure to sports turf management. In 2001, he organized and coordinated a 2-day in-service sports turf workshop which brought together over 30 agriculture instructors and sports turf industry leaders from across North Carolina.

The 2001 Dick Ericson Award was presented to Heather Nabozny, Head Groundskeeper for the Detroit Tigers Baseball Club, Detroit, Michigan.

The Dick Ericson Award was named for Mr. Ericson in honor of the significant contributions that he has made to



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STMA, including serving as its first President in 1981-1982, and his continuing impact in raising the level of professionalism within the industry.

Ms. Nabozny has developed her leadership role in sports turf management, serving as Head Groundskeeper for the West Michigan Whitecaps in Comstock Park, Michigan, before moving to her current position as the first female Head Groundskeeper in Major League Baseball.

Nabozny actively promotes the networking aspect of sports turf management. She has been an active member of STMA for a number of years and supports both the national STMA and the Michigan Chapter. She has hosted events and individual visits at her facility to assist in the education and training of other sports turf managers. Nabozny is well deserving of this award as one who is effectively leading her own team in accomplishing their goals in field maintenance.

The recipient of the 2001 Harry C. Gill Memorial Award was Dan Douglas, Stadium Grounds Superintendent for the Reading Phillies Baseball Club in Reading, Pennsylvania

The Harry C. Gill Memorial Award was named for Harry Gill, 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.

Douglas is not only recognized for his commitment to excellence in his sports turf management program's focus on the safety and playability of the Reading Phillies baseball field, but also for his outreach efforts within the sports turf industry. He has been instrumental in the formation and development of the KAFMO Chapter of STMA; serving as Chapter President and guiding its leadership team. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council and sits on several state Advisory Committees.

Douglas has been a speaker on sports turf topics at national, regional and state turf conferences, including the STMA Annual Conference. He has written articles on sports turf topics for national and regional turf publications. He also has served at the national STMA

Conference as a Round-Table Discussion leader and as a session moderator. He has been a nominee for the STMA national Board of Directors and currently serves on the national STMA Marketing Committee.

Douglas' relentless pursuit for safer and better sports turf has long been apparent in his work. His commitment to improving sports fields and sports field manager through education, training and image and his contributions to furthering the goals and objectives of the STMA at the local, regional and national levels have been outstanding.

Recipient of the Outstanding Commercial Affiliate Award for 2001 was National Mower and Turfco Mfg. Inc. The Award was presented in recognition of the company's long-standing and continuing support of STMA. 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.

Greg Petry, Executive Director, Waukegan (Illinois) Park District, is the recipient of the STMA 2001 President's Award. The Award was inscribed, "To Greg Petry in grateful recognition for the pivotal role you played in the history of the Sports Turf Managers

Association and for your continued dedication and commitment to STMA's growth and Mission." Greg has held various positions on the national STMA Board, helping guide the Association through many challenges, and served as STMA President in 1994 and 1995. He received the Harry C. Gill Memorial Award in 1996. He continues to support increased professionalism throughout the industry.

Another outstanding individual was honored at the STMA Banquet, when Sportsturf Magazine announced Dr. Tony Koski as the recipient of the magazine's 2002 Manager of the Year award. The recipient is selected by the magazine following input by the previous recipients of the award. Koski has been involved with turfgrass teaching, research, and extension since 1980. He has been a member of the STMA since 1990 and is currently a Board member, Education Committee Chair, member of the Certification Committee and serves on the SAFE Foundation Board.

