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AWARDS PROGRAM



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STMA AWARDS PROGRAM

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) recognizes that you make personal and professional contributions to our industry and the organization you serve. Both members and non-members are encouraged to participate in the STMA Awards Program. If you are currently not a member of STMA, please join us.

This year, the following awards will be bestowed at the STMA Annual Awards Banquet, Friday, January 17, 2003, in San Antonio, Texas.

1. STMA Baseball Field of the Year Award
2. STMA Softball Field of the Year Award
3. STMA Football Field of the Year Award
4. STMA Soccer Field of the Year Award
5. STMA Founders Awards: The Dick Ericson Award, The George Toma Golden Rake Award, The Dr. William H. Daniel Award, and the Harry C. Gill Memorial Award

The Awards Program is grateful for the support of our commercial sponsors. Sponsors and their categories are as follows:

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Sponsorship of the Awards Program brings the following benefits to the designated individual of each facility achieving the Field of the Year Award:

An Award Plaque

An STMA Jacket

Registration for the STMA Annual Conference

Up to \$500 towards travel/lodging expenses for the Conference

Each Award Winning Field is featured in an issue of SPORTSTURF magazine

All entry materials must be submitted in accordance with the procedures outlined for each award. The awards committee will judge the information as submitted. ***All entries MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN October 15, 2002.*** Send entries to:

STMA Headquarters

1027 S. 3rd Street

Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Attn: Awards

All Award recipients will be selected by an Awards Committee made up of five highly-regarded STMA professionals.

Feel free to contact STMA Headquarters with any questions at
phone: 800/323-3875 fax: 800/366-0391

STMA BASEBALL FIELD OF THE YEAR

CRITERIA:

The following must be submitted:

- 1.) Playability and appearance of playing surface
- 2.) Organization of maintenance program
- 3.) Uses of facility that impact playing surface
- 4.) Innovative solutions to playing surface problems

HOW TO ENTER:

1.) No more than 15 slides or color photographs (5" x 7") - **photos are preferred** - illustrating the baseball field. The color slides or photographs (5" x 7") must include:

- Picture(s) of sideline areas, dugouts, bullpens
- Picture(s) of center of outfield area
- Picture(s) of infield area
- Picture(s) of maintenance crew(s) working with equipment on the field
- Picture(s) of overall field from behind home plate
- **IMPORTANT: Digital photos may be used for judging, but may not be suitable for publication should your entry be named Field of the Year, so please back up your digital shots with slides or prints. Send two sets of color slides or prints**

2.) Narrative description of baseball field:

- Cover page with your name, address, and telephone number; geographical location of baseball field, category of award (Professional, College, High Schools/Parks).
- A narrative not to exceed three pages double spaced of why you think your baseball field deserves to be recognized as the baseball field of the year. Included should be how many months per year facility is used, brief history and components of the facility (seating capacity, lighting, age, etc.). Also include comments on scheduling, special maintenance challenges, solutions to problems, irrigation system components, uniqueness of facility, other events/activities held on the field other than baseball, etc.
- An outline of your maintenance program not to exceed one page (can be single spaced). Include types of materials and supplies used.
- An outline of your budget for one year not to exceed one page (can be single spaced).
- A description or outline of equipment used to maintain the field (borrowed, leased or owned), not to exceed one page (can be single spaced).
- An outline or organizational chart of how your staff, crew or people are organized, including total number of maintenance staff.
- Who is to be named on the plaque if your field wins?

3.) Deadline for entries: **Entries must be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN October 15, 2002**

***NOTE: While prints are preferred for judging, most publications prefer color slides. As you photograph your field, shoot both types of film and take some vertical shots.**

STMA SOFTBALL FIELD OF THE YEAR

CRITERIA:

The following must be submitted:

- 1.) Playability and appearance of playing surface
- 2.) Organization of maintenance program
- 3.) Uses of facility that impact playing surface
- 4.) Innovative solutions to playing surface problems

HOW TO ENTER:

1.) No more than 15 slides or color photographs (5" x 7") - **photos are preferred** - illustrating the softball field. The color slides or photographs (5" x 7") must include:

- Picture(s) of sideline areas, dugouts, bullpens
- Picture(s) of center of outfield area
- Picture(s) of infield area
- Picture(s) of maintenance crew(s) working with equipment on the field
- Picture(s) of overall field from behind home plate
- **IMPORTANT: Digital photos may be used for judging, but may not be suitable for publication should your entry be named Field of the Year, so please back up your digital shots with slides or prints. Send two sets of color slides or prints**

2.) Narrative description of softball field:

- Cover page with your name, address, and telephone number, geographical location of softball field, category of award (Professional, College, High Schools/Parks).
- A narrative not to exceed three pages double spaced of why you think your softball field deserves to be recognized as the softball field of the year. Included should be how many months per year facility is used, brief history and components of the facility (seating capacity, lighting, age, etc.). Also include comments on scheduling, special maintenance challenges, solutions to problems, irrigation system components, uniqueness of facility, other events/activities held on the field other than softball, etc.
- An outline of your maintenance program not to exceed one page (can be single spaced). Include types of materials and supplies used.
- An outline of your budget for one year not to exceed one page (can be single spaced).
- A description or outline of equipment used to maintain the field (borrowed, leased or owned), not to exceed one page (can be single spaced).
- An outline or organizational chart of how your staff, crew or people are organized, including total number of maintenance staff.
- Who is to be named on the plaque if your field wins?

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STMA SOCCER FIELD OF THE YEAR

CRITERIA:

The following must be submitted:

- 1.) Playability and appearance of playing surface
- 2.) Organization of maintenance program
- 3.) Uses of facility that impact playing surface
- 4.) Innovative solutions of playing surface problems

HOW TO ENTER:

- 1.) No more than 15 slides or color photographs (5"x7") - **photos are preferred** - illustrating the soccer field. The color slides or photographs (5"x7") must include:

- Picture(s) of sideline
- Picture(s) of center of the field
- Picture(s) of goal area(s)
- Picture(s) of maintenance crew(s) working with equipment on the field
- **IMPORTANT: Digital photos may be used for judging, but may not be suitable for publication should your entry be named Field of the Year, so please back up your digital shots with slides or prints. Send two sets of color slides or prints**

- 2.) Narrative description of soccer field:

- Cover page with your name, address, and telephone number, geographical location of soccer field, category of award (Professional, College, High Schools/Parks).
- A narrative not to exceed three pages double spaced of why you think your soccer field deserves to be recognized as the soccer field of the year. Included should be how many months per year facility is used, brief history and components of the facility (seating capacity, lighting, age, etc.). Also include comments on scheduling, special maintenance challenges, solutions to problems, irrigation system components, uniqueness of facility, other events/activities held on the field other than soccer, etc.
- An outline of your maintenance program not to exceed one page (can be single spaced). Include types of materials and supplies used.
- An outline of your budget for one year not to exceed one page (can be single spaced).
- A description or outline of equipment used to maintain the field (borrowed, leased or owned), not to exceed one page (can be single spaced).
- An outline or organizational chart of how your staff, crew or people are organized, including total number of maintenance staff.
- Who is to be named on the plaque if your field wins?

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STMA FOOTBALL FIELD OF THE YEAR

CRITERIA:

The following must be submitted:

- 1.) Playability and appearance of playing surface
- 2.) Organization of maintenance program
- 3.) Uses of facility that impact playing surface
- 4.) Innovative solutions of playing surface problems

HOW TO ENTER:

- 1.) No more than 15 slides or color photographs (5"x7") - **photos are preferred** - illustrating the football field. The color slides or photographs (5"x7") must include:

- Picture(s) of sideline
- Picture(s) of center of the field
- Picture(s) of goal area(s)
- Picture(s) of maintenance crew(s) working with equipment on the field
- **IMPORTANT: Digital photos may be used for judging, but may not be suitable for publication should your entry be named Field of the Year, so please back up your digital shots with slides or prints. Send two sets of color slides or prints**

- 2.) Narrative description of football field:

- Cover page with your name, address, and telephone number, geographical location of football field, category of award (Professional, College, High Schools/Parks).
- A narrative not to exceed three pages double spaced of why you think your football field deserves to be recognized as the football field of the year. Included should be how many months per year facility is used, brief history and components of the facility (seating capacity, lighting, age, etc.). Also include comments on scheduling, special maintenance challenges, solutions to problems, irrigation system components, uniqueness of facility, other events/activities held on the field other than football, etc.
- An outline of your maintenance program not to exceed one page (can be single spaced). Include types of materials and supplies used.
- An outline of your budget for one year not to exceed one page (can be single spaced).
- A description or outline of equipment used to maintain the field (borrowed, leased or owned), not to exceed one page (can be single spaced).
- An outline or organizational chart of how your staff, crew or people are organized, including total number of maintenance staff.
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FOUNDERS AWARDS

The Dick Ericson Award

Dick Ericson is one of the Founders of STMA. Besides his own sports turf management activities, he has made significant contributions to the Sports Turf Managers Association, including serving as its first President in 1981-1982. He has, and continues to have, an impact in raising the level of professionalism within the industry.

To honor all that Dick has achieved and to continue the focus on effective management and striving toward increased professionalism within the sports turf industry, The Dick Ericson Award has been established.

This Award is to be issued annually to someone who is planning and executing the sports turf management of their facility, who is effectively leading their team to accomplish their goals in field maintenance, and who is positively impacting the sports turf industry.

The Dick Ericson Award acknowledges the superior performance of the sports turf manager/management of a professional facility, parks and recreation department fields, college, university or other school athletic fields, or any other sports turf area.

NOMINEES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- At least five years of service in a sport field related position
- Job performance and work ethic that consistently meet or exceed expectations
- Management techniques that make the most of existing resources
- Efficient and effective personnel management
- Constantly improves the management program, introducing creative and innovative ideas to enhance the field management program
- Receptive to ideas and creative skills of staff members and other industry professionals
- Supportive of, and works to increase professionalism within, the sports turf industry

Deadline: ***Written nominations, including why you feel the individual meets the outlined criteria, must be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN October 15, 2002.***

FOUNDERS AWARDS

The Dr. William H. Daniel Award

Dr. William H. Daniel was not only one of the Founders of STMA and one of its supporters, he also set the pattern for educator/researcher involvement in the Association. The partnership between the educators and researchers 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.

To honor all that Bill achieved, The Dr. William H. Daniel Award (formerly the Excellence in Research Award) recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the sports turf industry through his or her research, teaching or extension outreach. The influence of the individuals in this segment of the industry may be highly visible or behind-the-scenes. In the research area, their persistent, consistent, detailed analysis provides the data that affects sports turf management practices now and in the future. In the teaching area, their ability to instill the basics of necessary knowledge along with a quest for life-long learning is reflected far into the future by those whose lives they touch. In the extension outreach area, their ability to bring the latest in education and research to the realities of the sports turf managers' on-the-job performance raises the level of professionalism now and for decades to come.

CRITERIA IN RESEARCH AREA:

- Conducted research relevant to the sports turf industry
- Research enhanced the understanding of the sports turf industry
- Research has practical implications
- Research was published in a professional journal

CRITERIA IN TEACHING AREA:

- Developed and/or executed teaching programs relevant to the sports turf industry
- Teaching programs enhanced the understanding of the sports turf industry
- Teaching programs provide technical background and/or practical training
- Teaching programs channel outstanding individuals to the sports turf industry

CRITERIA IN EXTENSION AREA:

- Developed and/or executed extension programs relevant to the sports turf industry
- Extension programs enhanced the understanding of the sports turf industry
- Extension programs provide technical background and/or practical training
- Extension programs assist in improving quality of sports turf areas

Deadline: ***Written nominations, including why you feel the individual meets the outlined criteria, must be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN October 15, 2002***

FOUNDERS AWARDS

The George Toma Golden Rake Award

George Toma is not only one of the Founders of STMA, and one of its supporters, he has served, and continues to serve, as a mentor for many of those in the sports turf industry. He continues to emphasize the importance of the entire crew in effective sports turf management. He also has proven that starting from the ground up, it's possible to achieve your highest goals - if you love what you do and give it your all - *and then some*.

To honor all that George Toma has achieved and to keep that *and then some* spirit growing and thriving within STMA, The George Toma Golden Rake Award has been established.

This Award is to be issued annually to someone who is on that quest to reach their goals and is demonstrating that "*and then some*" spirit along the way.

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.

NOMINEES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- At least two years of service in a sport field related position
- Job performance that consistently meets or exceeds expectations
- Work ethic that consistently meets or exceeds expectations
- Offers ideas and brings creative skills to the department in a professional manner
- Assists in additional non-job related sports events and activities for the community
- Is a true believer in the "*and then some*" tradition of grounds maintenance

Deadline: ***Written nominations, including why you feel the individual meets the outlined criteria, must be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN October 15, 2002.***

FOUNDERS AWARDS

The Harry C. Gill Memorial Award

Harry C. Gill was one of STMA's Founders and its second President, serving in that capacity in 1982 - 1983. His commitment to the sports turf profession and his desire and efforts to nurture the young STMA organization are legendary among those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

The Harry C. Gill Memorial Award was established to honor an individual for their hard work in the sports turf industry and to acknowledge their dedication to STMA. Harry himself became the first recipient of the Award. Traditionally, nominations for the Harry C. Gill Memorial Award have been made by STMA members – other than the nominee – to acknowledge an individual for "long-standing service to the STMA."

The Award itself is a rather unique piece of art, depicting a groundskeeper armed with the tools of his trade: a rake of hope; a hose of determination; a shovel of passion; a hoe of dedication; and a smile of spirited uncertainty as he rides off into the unknown atop a horse named desire.

Past recipients are:

- 1982 - Harry C. Gill, (deceased), Milwaukee County Stadium
- 1983 - William H. Daniel, Ph.D., (deceased) Purdue University
- 1984 - Steve Wightman, Mile High Stadium
- 1985 - Anthony Burnett, RFK Stadium
- 1986 - Kent W. Kurtz, Ph.D. Cal Poly Pomona
- 1987 - Mark Hodnick, Cal Poly Pomona
- 1988 - Dale Sandin, Orange Bowl
- 1989 - 1990 David Frey, Cleveland Stadium
- 1991 - James Watson, Ph.D. The Toro Company (retired)
- 1992 - George Toma, Kansas City Royals & NFL
- 1993 - Mike Schiller, Schaumburg Park District
- 1994 - Henry Indyk, Ph.D., GSI Consultants/Turfcon
- 1995 - Gil Landry, Ph.D., University of Georgia
- 1996 - Greg Petry, Waukegan Park District
- 1997 - Eugene Mayer, The Scotts Company
- 1998 - John Souter, Turfgrass Consultant, Scotland
- 1999 - Dale Getz, CSFM, University of Notre Dame
- 2000 - Mary Owen, University of Massachusetts
- 2001 - Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball

CRITERIA FOR THIS AWARD:

- STMA Membership
- Dedication for developing and maintaining quality sports turf areas
- Outstanding ability and commitment to the sports turf industry
- Professional involvement and service to the Sports Turf Managers Association on a local, regional and national level
- Professional leadership in promoting STMA, its members and the sports turf industry
- Contribution of written communications in articles, magazines, manuals, legislation and/or research

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The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA)

Because people believed that sports turf could be better through the sharing of knowledge and the exchange of ideas, the Sports Turf Managers Association came into being in 1981. The key leaders in STMA's infancy were Harry "Pops" Gill (Milwaukee County Stadium), Dr. William Daniel (Professor Emeritus, Purdue University), Dick Ericson (Minneapolis Metrodome) and George Toma (NFL, Kansas City Royals and Chiefs).

STMA members work to combine the science of growing turfgrass and the art of maintaining both natural and artificial athletic field materials to produce safe and aesthetically pleasing playing surfaces.

STMA represents all segments of the sports turf industry. STMA members are involved in the management of school, municipal and university facilities that serve amateur athletes as well as in the management of the practice and game facilities of professional sports. STMA members also include full-time students, landscape contractors, and commercial affiliates. Sports played on member facilities include soccer, baseball, softball, football, polo, racing, field hockey, boccie, lawn tennis, rugby, lacrosse and cricket. STMA is spreading country by country across the globe.

STMA's 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."



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