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What would you do to resolve some of these issues? I feel that education is what's needed most to resolve most of today's issues facing the Sports Turf Manager. With a well-educated Sports Turf Manager we can overcome many of the problems out there today. As field quality improves so does our image. As our image improves so do the salaries we can expect to receive. Another way is certification, being a Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM) shows that you are knowledgeable in the aspects of field management and willing to accept the challenges in the future.

Do you have any words of wisdom for your peers in the STMA? Over my short stint as a member in the STMA I have come to realize that this organization will have one of the greatest impacts on the green industry. What organization can say they are a part of one's life from childhood to adulthood - from the

park and recreation fields we all played on, to high school activities and sporting events, to the professional and collegiate fields and events, that are watched every day by millions of people? Every time my fields are used I know that I made a small impact in somebody's life, that's why I want to do the best I can.

Name: Abby L. McNeal, CSFM

Title: Assistant Turfgrass Manager

Facility: INVESCO Field at Mile High

Years associated with STMA: 10 years

STMA Offices held: Chapter Relations Chair for 6 years

Educational Background: B.S. Landscape Horticulture concentration in Turfgrass Management from Colorado State

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University, graduation in 1994; Certification from University of Georgia, 1998; Certified Sports Field Manager, 2001.

Professional Experience: 1994 City of Westminster Parks and Libraries; 1995-1999 City of Boulder Parks and Recreation, Pleasant View Sports Complex; 1999-2001 University of Colorado, Athletic Turfgrass Manager; 2001-present INVESCO Field at Mile High, Assistant Turfgrass Manager.

Honors and Awards: 1993 STMA Scholarship recipient; 1997 STMA College Soccer Field of the Year; 2000 Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association Turfgrass Manager of the Year; 2001 member of the Denver Broncos Turf Team that received the Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Professional Turfgrass Manager of the Year.

Why did you decide to become a member of the STMA? To meet and create a working relationship with fellow sports

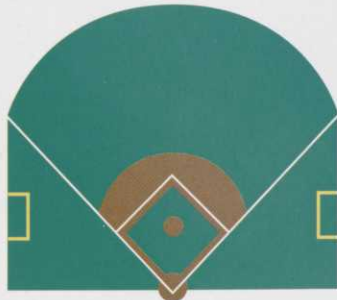


turf managers throughout the country.

What do you feel are the major issues facing the sports turf industry today? The overuse of the fields throughout all levels of the sports turf industry creating great opportunities for the newer style of artificial fields is one of the major issues facing the industry today. I believe that through better education and better turf management we, as sports turf managers, can help promote the industry and reduce the overuse of our fields.

What would you do to resolve some of these issues? To help solve some of the issues that are facing the industry today, I would push for better means of educating the field user and the public on the consequences of over-using the facilities. In addition, we need better methods of promoting the sports turf manager as the resource for education and training in regards to maintaining their athletic fields.

Do you have any words of wisdom for you peers in the STMA? Try your best to educate your immediate officials and field users about the limits of your field(s) and help them recognize there is a point of overuse that affects the player safety.



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