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Featured Conference Speakers

STMA 15th Annual Conference, San Diego, CA - January 21-25, 2004

Paul Caligiuri

Long considered one of the most successful and recognizable soccer players in the United States, Paul Caligiuri is in his second year as the head coach of Cal Poly Pomona's men's and women's soccer teams. After earning honors for his collegiate play for UCLA, Caligiuri played professionally and internationally for 18 years before joining Cal Poly Pomona. From 1984-97, Caligiuri was a member of the US national team and had 110 game appearances, including participation in World Cups in 1990 and 1994 and the 1988 Olympic Games. One of the most memorable moments of his playing career came in 1990 when he scored the game-winning goal - known as the "Goal Heard Round The World" - that qualified the US for its first World Cup in 40 years. He played professionally on European teams from 1990 to 1995. In 1996, Caligiuri played for the Columbus Crew of the newly-founded Major Soccer League. In 1997, he joined the Galaxy, where he helped the team become one of the league's top defensive units. During the past few years, Caligiuri has been involved with consulting in coaching, planning and organizing camps and clinics throughout the United States. He is also an accomplished broadcaster, working as an expert commentator for ESPN 2's "World Cup 2Night" during the 2002 World Cup. He'll share his insights in his presentation "Soccer - The Player, The Coach and The Field."



Keith Kent

After starting his career as a trainee groundsman at Leicester City Football Club, Keith Kent moved on to the world famous Old Trafford, home of Manchester Union and was in charge of that facility for 15 years. He is now Head Groundsman for the home of English rugby, Twickenham Stadium. He considers the opportunity to work with both nature and the world's top

sportsmen a challenge and great fun. Kent keeps experiments ongoing at Twickenham as sports never stand still and he intends to always be on the leading edge of advancements. In his fifteen years at Old Trafford, he saw the stadium change beyond all comprehension to a 68,000 seat, three tiered stadium, with roofs that cut out light and air movement and created a unique micro-climate. Having moved to London and the already imposing Twickenham Stadium, and with the proposed development of the South stand, Kent's focus on tackling shade issues will intensify.



Keith Kent

Brian Robinson

Brian Robinson, of Green Science, has been on the cutting edge of new technology throughout his career. His involvement in numerous projects throughout the UK will provide an excellent overview of the new technology being adopted by UK sports turf managers in the construction and maintenance of sports turf surfaces. He'll also provide insight on the influence of the UK weather on playing surface preparation and grass sward development, along with tips on how environmental data and special maintenance techniques incorporated into the specifications can benefit a construction project.



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Presidents Message Reflecting and Projecting

by Bob Campbell, CSFM

As the year draws to a close, it's important to spend some time reflecting on the past and projecting for the future. This is an essential step in a sports turf management program, and an essential one for your Association as well. Much of the last STMA Board Meeting was focused on this and it's a responsibility your Board takes very seriously. While a report of that meeting is included in this Newsletter (page 14), I'd like to give you an overview of the process.

Prior to the late October Board Meeting, all Committees were asked to do their planning and put together a preliminary budget based on that planning. Their budget information was presented to the Finance and Audit Committee for review and development of an overall preliminary budget that was presented to the STMA Board. Much of the Board Meeting was spent reviewing the progress of the Committees in 2003 and their plans for 2004 as we work together toward achieving our goals. The next step was working to fine tune the preliminary budget figures to establish a budget for 2004 that will allocate our resources to those objectives.

A major focus for 2004 will be the continuation of the marketing plan we have developed to improve the image of our profession and organization to reflect the professionalism of STMA and create the awareness that STMA members are experts on the field, partners in the game.

By the time you read this, the votes on the STMA Bylaws will have been received and tabulated. I thank you for taking the time to cast your vote. This is your organization and your input is encouraged and always welcome. Please feel free to contact me, any Board Member or STMA Headquarters with your questions, comments or suggestions.

I hope you have already registered for the STMA 15th Annual Conference in San Diego. If you haven't - it's not too late! But space is filling up very quickly - so act now and call Headquarters for a packet of information. Or, for immediate access, just

go to the website: www.sportsturfmanager.com for a preview of the Conference and the registration form.

We have some great educational sessions lined up and a super trade show. The exciting optional events include two different tours of several wonderful facilities, a trolley tour of area attractions, the Jacobsen sponsored SAFE Golf Tournament at La Costa and the Field Maintenance Seminar conducted by Major League Baseball sports turf managers.

In this issue you also will see Minor League Baseball's Sports Turf Manager of the Year selections. The awards will be presented to these individuals at the Baseball Winter Meetings in New Orleans on December 12th. The presentation takes place in front of all the owners and executives from Major League and Minor League teams - a great place for our profession and our professionals to be recognized.

We had a wonderful response for the awards program this year. Many worthy individuals were nominated for the Founders Awards and we had a record number of entries - all outstanding - for our Field of the Year and Sports Complex of the Year Awards. I wish we could give an award to every entrant!

At this writing, the SAFE Scholarship judging team was working their way through another impressive group of applications. So many excellent applicants make a great statement for the future of our industry.

We have much to be thankful for and now, during this holiday season, is a wonderful time to reflect on it. It was a good year for our association and I can foresee that 2004 is going to be even better.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I hope to see all of you in San Diego!

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Dave Saltman

Dave Saltman is an innovator. He currently runs Pitchcare.com, an interactive magazine for Groundsmen. In its two years of operation, this organization has brought together over 6,000 like-minded turf professionals and amateurs to share experience, advise and expertise. Operating on the premise that a problem shared is a problem solved, Saltman sees Pitchcare as a meeting place for people who just don't get the chance to meet in person due to their busy working schedules. He'll share his insight into building communities through electronic communication. He'll also share his knowledge of the changes in field construction over the last 15 years in his presentation on Conquering Modern Constructions.



C. Mike Jousan

C. Mike Jousan is an internationally recognized speaker who is one of our nation's experts on communication. In 1988, he founded Clear Communication Company, a consulting firm specializing in all forms of person to person communication. He is the author of the book, "Don't Let The Messenger They Shoot Be You! A Survival Guide For Public Speaking." Jousan knows that presentation skills, public speaking skills, media and communications skills are all learned skills. In his presentations, training sessions and workshops, he describes and demonstrates ways to communicate better so others can learn what to do and what NOT to do. His skill-building methods help participants unlock their own personal and professional potential and begin a process of continuing development in projecting a positive image. *STM*



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Optimizing Cultural Practices to Improve Athletic Field Performance

by Ronald Calhoun, Lisa Sorochan, John Sorochan, John Rogers, III and James Crum
Department of Crop & Soil Sciences, Michigan State University

Turfgrass researchers have long extolled the benefits of proper mowing and fertilization practices to maintain vigorous and healthy turfgrass surfaces. Proper cultural practices (mowing, fertilization, irrigation and cultivation) allow turfgrass stands to compete with weeds, tolerate insect feeding, and better recuperate from disease, drought and traffic. As participation in recreational and interscholastic sports continues to increase and the limited numbers of already well-used and tired fields become overused, unplayable and even unsafe, enhancing the recuperative potential becomes even more important to field performance.

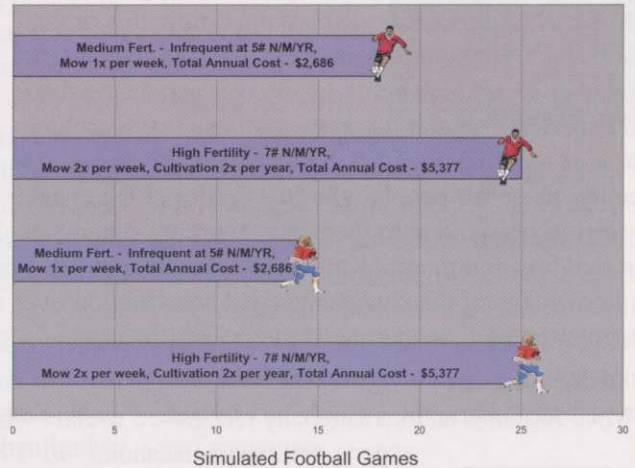
Until recently, however, the effect of cultural practices on the performance of a turfgrass stand had not been studied in a way that made possible a cost-benefit analysis. It is often said that increased mowing frequency and judicious fertility will "improve" a field or make it "better." But it would be difficult for school administrators or municipal officials to justify allocating funds to make the soccer and football field "better" without knowing what "better" is. Researchers at MSU have measured critical field performance characteristics (density and recovery) as affected by various cultural practices and combinations on a per field basis. Knowing the return on investment should allow school administrators and municipal officials to make informed decisions about the maintenance of their athletic fields.

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Studies conducted by MSU examined the basic cultural practices of mowing frequency (one or two times per week), fertilization program (medium/infrequent, medium/frequent, high/frequent) and core cultivation (never or

Effect of Fertilization, Mowing Frequency and Cultivation on Number of Simulated Football Games with Acceptable Turf Cover



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Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA):

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For information on the OSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 888-824-9805 or 419-824-9805 or Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's website at www.ostma.org.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey:

The New Jersey Chapter will present a Sports Turf Track on December 10 and 11 of the New Jersey Turfgrass & Landscape Expo, December 9 - 11, at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino-Resort in Atlantic City. Keynote Speaker for the Conference is Mike Veeck, who will present "Thinking Beyond the Ball Park," during the opening general session the morning of December 10. Among the other featured speakers for this event is George Toma, NFL Consultant for Super Bowl Field Preparation. For more information on the Expo visit the website: www.njturfgrass.org.

For information on the New Jersey Chapter, or upcoming events, call SFMANJ at 908-730-7770 or Eleanora Murfitt at 908-236-9118; or e-mail to HQ@sfmanj.org.

Minnesota Chapter STMA:

The Minnesota Chapter will participate in the second annual Minnesota Green Expo which will take place January 7 - 9, 2004, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. For information visit the website at: www.minnesotagreenexpo.com.

For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota at 651-638-6075 or e-mail: j-hintz@bethel.edu or check out the Chapter website: www.mstma.com.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Virginia Chapter will meet from 7:30 to 8:15 AM on January 14, in conjunction with the Virginia Turfgrass Council's 44th Annual Turf and Landscape Conference and Marketplace, January 13 - 15, 2004, at the Richmond Marriott in Richmond. Day-Long Classes on January 13 include a Turfgrass Management Workshop and a Soils for Sports Turf Workshop. A Sports Turf Track is offered on January 14 and 15. For more information visit the website: www.thevtc.org.

For information on the Virginia Chapter, or upcoming events, contact: Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority via e-mail: Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703-324-8590.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA):

The KAFMO Chapter will participate in the Eastern Pennsylvania Turf Conference and Trade Show to be held in Valley Forge on January 15, 2004. Speakers include: Dr. Dave Minner, Iowa State University; Dr. Elizabeth Guertal, Auburn University; Brad Park, Rutgers University and Dr. Andy McNitt, Penn State University. For more information on this event go to: www.paturf.org.

The 8th Annual KAFMO Athletic Field Conference will be held in Grantville, PA, on February 20, 2004. Speakers include: Bob Campbell, CSFM, University of Tennessee; Dr. Andy McNitt, Penn State University; Jim Koontz, Jr., Cumberland Valley School District; Mike Boekholder, Philadelphia Phillies; and Tony Leonard, Philadelphia Eagles.

For information on the KAFMO/STMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at 610-375-8469, ext. 212; or e-mail: kafimo@aol.com.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA):

The Michigan Chapter will participate in the Michigan Turfgrass Conference to be held January 19 - 22, 2004.

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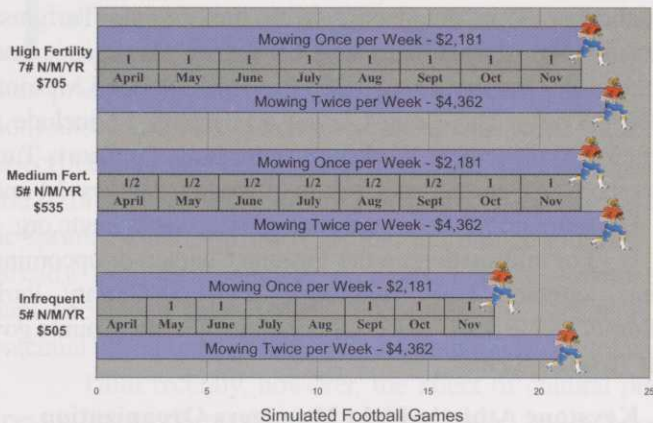
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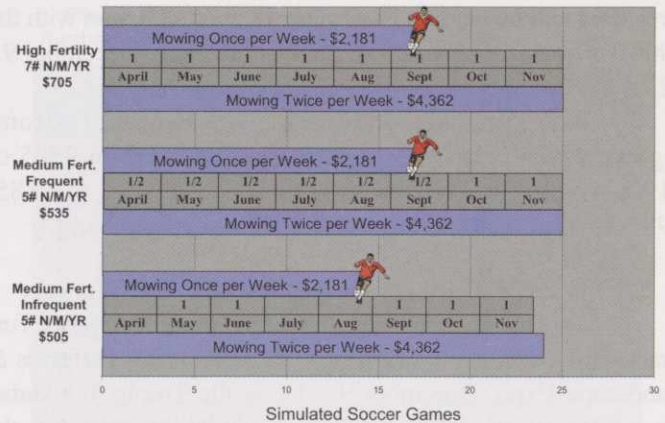
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Effect of Fertilization and Mowing Frequency on Number of Simulated Soccer Games with Acceptable Turf Cover



two times per year). Two traffic simulators were used to impose realistic wear on the plots during the fall of each season. The Brinkman Traffic Simulator (BTS) was used to simulate the typical wear of a soccer game, and the Cady Traffic Simulator (CTS) was used to impose typical wear between the hash marks and between the 20-yard lines of a football field, where previous estimates say that 80 percent of a football game takes place. Traffic was applied to half of each plot between the last week of August and mid-November, simulating a total of 25 games.

The major objectives of this research were to determine the most effective maintenance practices for increasing field performance, quantify increased field performance (expressed in number of games) and estimate the costs associated with maintenance practices. The estimated costs for each treatment are given in the charts. It is our hope that this information will be useful to school administrators budgeting for athletic field maintenance and scheduling field usage.

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DOC'S DUGOUT - An Inning From Our Past

By Dr. Kent Kurtz - STMA Historian

Dr. Henry Indyk - "True Friend, Colleague & STMA Legend"

Early Days with Henry

I am one of those fortunate people who have had the privilege of knowing and working with Henry for the past 30 years. Hank, as he is known by his many friends, is persistent in pursuing a goal, hard working, friendly, extremely intelligent, especially when it comes to turfgrass problems and solutions, very generous with his energy and time and a man of very high integrity.

Henry served our country in World War II in both Europe and the Pacific with a field artillery unit. He spent several years getting his education, first at Rutgers University where he received his BS in Plant Science & Soils, then on to Penn



Henry is a frequent and sought after speaker at many STMA events.

State University where he earned his MS & PhD in Agronomy & Soils. His first position was at the University of Delaware (1954-1959) as a Research Agronomist, then on to Rutgers where he excelled as Extension Specialist in turfgrass

management (1959-1990). Until 1990 he served the State of New Jersey well in the area of turfgrass management - setting up turfgrass demonstration studies, teaching short courses and providing advice to sports turf facilities and golf courses. Also during this time he was a frequent speaker at turf conferences, seminars and industry groups.

Henry - His Days with Turfgrass Extension and other Ventures

Henry spent 31 years as the Extension Specialist in turfgrass management at Rutgers University. During his tenure he was extremely active putting out many demonstration plots related to various types of weed control and turfgrass fertilizers. All of his turfgrass work resulted in many associations and organizations extending him invitations to speak at their conferences and meetings. I remember when both Henry and I were on the program in Orlando, Florida in the mid 1970's for Erick Madisen who sponsored the National Institute for Grounds Management. Between the two of us we presented 8 different 30-45 minute talks on various aspects of turf and sports turf. Usually these meetings ran for 3 days and we were expected to pay for our airline tickets, most of our meals and at least one nights lodging. We became known as the free speakers. This was the group that supported the early STMA leaders and allowed the infant STMA to hold its first meetings. This was also the



Henry Indyk receives the 1994 Harry C. Gill Award from 1993 recipient, Mike Schiller.

group that STMA left when it became an independent organization in 1984. Those distinguished early-STMA leaders were Dr. Indyk, Dr. Daniel, Dr. Kurtz, Mike Schiller, Dale Sandin, Don Marshall, Harry Gill, David Frey, Steve Wightman, Mark Hodnick and many others.

Henry was a Director with the National Sports Turf Council during the 1980's that was organized by the late Dr. Fred Grau. Many groups were represented including STMA (Dr. Kurtz), the National Football League Players Association (John Macik), Professional Grounds Management Society (Alan Shulder), University of Maryland (Tom Chambers), USDA (Jack Murray), Penn State University (Dr. Jack

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Florida Chapter # 1:

The Florida Chapter will participate in the Florida Turfgrass Association Palm Beach Regional Seminar to be held at Lake Worth, FL, on January 20, 2004, and the Florida Turfgrass Association Miami Regional Seminar to be held at Pro-Player Stadium in Miami on January 21, 2004. For information on these events check the website: www.ftga.org.

For information on the Florida Chapter, or pending activities, contact John Mascaro at 954-341-3115 or STMA@Turf-Tec.com.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association:

The Iowa Chapter will present a Sports Turf Track during the 70th Annual Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show to be held at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines January 22 - 28, 2004.

For information on the Iowa Chapter, or upcoming activities, contact Jeff Wendel of The Turf Office at 515-232-8222, or fax 515-232-8228, or e-mail: Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association:

Plans have begun for the KySTMA's Annual Conference to be held in Louisville in late February. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@batsbaseball.com or Aaron Boggs at AVBoggs@netscape.net.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:

For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra by e-mail: chris@peoriaaz.com or tel. 623-412-4231 or Bill Murphy, by e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or 480-312-7956.

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Steve Dugas, California State University - Fullerton, at 714-278-3929 or email sdugas@fullerton.edu.

Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter, or pending events, call Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

Southern California Chapter:

For information on the Southern California Chapter, or pending activities, call Michael Tarantino at 858-679-2526 or MTarantino@powayusd.com.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly called Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA):

For information on the Chesapeake Chapter, or other pending activities, call the Hotline at 866-818-8873 or email Nick Gammill, CSFM, at ngammill@american.edu.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Colorado Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website--www.CSTMA.org--or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954, or contact Chapter President Phil McQuade at 303-237-7188 or pmcquade@jeffco.k12.co.us.


Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Gateway Chapter or upcoming events, call Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College, 314-392-2328 or email krone@mobap.edu.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Skip Kirby at 770-928-1580 or email skip@sportsturfmanagement.com.

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Harper), The Lawn Institute (Eliot Roberts), The Toro Company (Dr. James Watson), etc.

Henry was very active with a number of professional groups. He assisted in organizing the New Jersey Turfgrass Association in 1970, the New Jersey Turfgrass EXPO in 1974 (served as chairman for 17 years), Executive Director Golf Superintendent Association of New Jersey (13 years), Executive Director American Sod Producers Association (5 years), Secretary, Sod Association of New Jersey (37 years) and the STMA Board of Directors, Secretary, Vice President, Commercial, Conference Chair, Certification Committee Chair and Awards Committee Chair.

As many of you know Rutgers University leads the nation as the center for the breeding of cool season grasses. Dr. Reed Funk was a graduate student at Rutgers in Henry's earlier days and it was Henry who convinced him to forego corn research and devote his time to turfgrass breeding. This stroke of genius has resulted in many of the latest and most advanced cultivars of Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, tall fescue and bentgrass for the sports turf industry.

The Recent Years

Many of you have seen Henry at the STMA Annual Conference speaking at sessions or helping the STMA staff with conference details behind the scenes. Henry's wife, Mary, has also been at the annual conference helping with registration and other volunteer duties. The Indyk's celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 6, 2003. Congratulations to a wonderful couple who have been an integral part of the STMA family. STMA is very proud of Dr. Henry Indyk and have awarded him the prestigious Harry Gill Memorial Award for his unselfish contributions to sports turf. In 1999 SportsTurf Magazine recognized Henry as the sports turf "Man of the Year". In 2000, STMA awarded him with an honorary lifetime membership. It has been due to Henry's personal integrity and his willingness to serve STMA for the benefit of others that have made this man a legend in his time.

He claims he is slowing down now that he is 82 years young, but no one would know that because he continues to stay involved with our industry. Thanks Henry for all you have done for STMA, the Turfgrass Industry and society.

Editors Notes:

Dr. Henry Indyk started the Dr. Fred Grau Scholarship with funds left from the National Sports Turf Council when it was disbanded after the death of Fred Grau. This scholarship fund is running out of money since it is not endowed. Both Henry and I would like to see this scholarship continued and would like to encourage all STMA professional members and commercial members to contribute to this worthwhile fund to help young, future STMA Leaders with their school expenses.

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15th Annual Conference Exhibition Highlights

More and more companies are signing on as Exhibitors! 12 companies have been added since the November issue of SPORTSTURF went to press. Check out the STMA Website for the most up to date exhibitor listing.

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The STMA Exhibition has always been the best way to make connections with the top suppliers of goods and services in the sports turf industry. And sharing food and fellowship with the exhibitors is a great feature of the exhibition experience.

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Dan Bergstrom, Athletic Turf Manager

High School/Parks Baseball Field of the Year
Cape Fear High School, Fayetteville, North Carolina
Terry Nance, Instructor

Professional Baseball Field of the Year
First American Bank Ballpark, Midland Rockhounds, Midland, Texas
Monty Sowell, Head Groundskeeper

College/University Softball Field of the Year
Alberta B. Farrington Stadium, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
Pete Wozniak, Athletic Facility Manager

High School/Parks Softball Field of the Year
Oran Good 5, City of Farmers Branch, Texas
F. Jeff Fuller, Director/Parks & Recreation

College/University Soccer Field of the Year
George Mason University, Fairfax Virginia
Michael Sullenberger, Sports Turf Manager

High School/Parks Soccer Field of the Year
Olmsted Field, City of Westbrook, Westbrook, Maine
Lance Tibbetts, Deputy Director/Recreation Department

College/University Football Field of the Year
Scott Field, Mississippi State University
Bart Prather, Sports Turf Manager

High School/Parks Football Field of the Year
Robinson Field, Henderson Stadium, Wesleyan School, Norcross, Georgia
Jon DeWitt, Director/Grounds Maintenance

College/University Sports Complex of the Year
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
James R. Rodgers, CSFM, Sports Field Manager

High School/Parks Sports Complex of the Year
Central Winds Park Complex, City of Winter Springs, Florida
Chuck Pula, Director/Parks & Recreation

The Awards presentation will take place during the STMA Awards Banquet to be held on January 23, 2004, in San Diego, California, in conjunction with the annual conference.

Entrants must supply specific information on the facility, along with photos of specific areas of the field to document the playability and appearance of the playing surface.

Each of the five judges on the Awards Committee review the entrants independently, grading them on each aspect of the criteria. The results of the independent input of the five judges determine the winning field.

Chapter Events

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Indiana Chapter:

For information on the Indiana Chapter, or pending activities, contact Stan Moscrip, Indiana University, at 812-856-2256 or smoscrip@indiana.edu.

Midwest Chapter STMA:

For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, visit the Chapter's website-<http://mcstma.org>--or call Libby Baker at 847-263-7603 or email Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jody Gill at 913-239-4121 or by e-mail: JGill2@bv229.k12.ks.us.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the Nebraska Chapter, or upcoming events, call Loren Humphrey at: 402-461-2324 or email lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact: Jay Warnick - JayW@Seahawks.com or Mike Wagner - MWagner@Oregon.UOregon.edu.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA):

For information on the TVSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Chapter President, Bob Elliott, Tieco, at 800-239-9547 or Glenn Lucas at 800-837-8062; email to Glenn@tvstma.org, or visit the chapter's website: www.tvstma.org.

North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the North Texas Chapter, or pending activities, contact Kathy Cassmeyer at 972-603-2869 or Katherine.Cassmeyer@lmco.com, or visit the website at www.ntstma.org.

South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:

For information on the South Texas Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Tim Loesch at 210-207-3734 or TLoesch@alamodome.com.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association:

For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, contact Chris Brindley at 715-346-3622 or cbrindle@uwsp.edu.

Chapters on the Grow:

South Carolina: Efforts are currently underway in South Carolina to form a Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers

Association. The contact is Dr. Trent Hale, a Research and Extension Turfgrass Specialist in the Department of Horticulture for Clemson University. He is located at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center in Florence. For more information contact Dr. Hale at 843-662-3526 or by email at tchale@clemson.edu or the forming chapter's page on the STMA website: www.sportsturfmanager.com.

New York: For information on the chapter forming in Central New York, contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, at e-mail: Kevin@wpe.com or at 607-432-2953.

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Holding Strong in the Midst of the Fires

While flames and devastation swept across broad areas of California, your fellow sports turf managers held strong, maintaining their calm and efficient professionalism throughout the ordeal. Now that the major threat has subsided, several members have made the time to share their perspective on the ordeal. Go to the STMA website for their input.

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Your Board Meeting Report

The STMA Board of Directors met at the Marriott Suites O'Hare in Chicago, Illinois, on October 26th and 27th, 2003. The Board approved the minutes of the July 18th and 19th, 2003, Board Meeting. The Board reviewed and approved the Preliminary Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2003. The Board also reviewed and accepted the Committee Reports as submitted. Among the major issues addressed by the Board was the review of the recommendations of the Bylaws Review Committee, chaired by Ken Mrock. These recommendations included revisions to the STMA Bylaws and to the STMA Code of Ethics, and presentation of an additional document, the STMA Professional Conduct Guidelines. The Board approved these materials as presented, directing that the Bylaws revisions be submitted to the STMA membership for their vote, and the other two documents submitted for review and comments.

Much of the Board Meeting was focused on review of the progress STMA Committees had made in 2003 and of their plans for achieving their goals for 2004 and analyzing the impact on these goals of funding as pro-

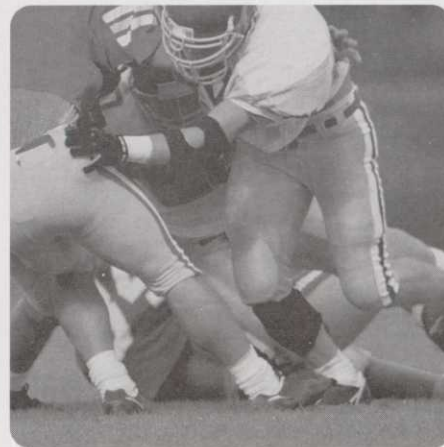
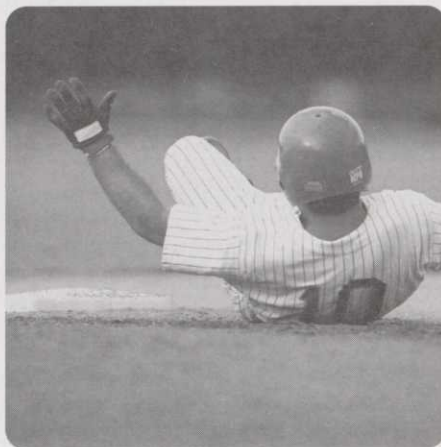
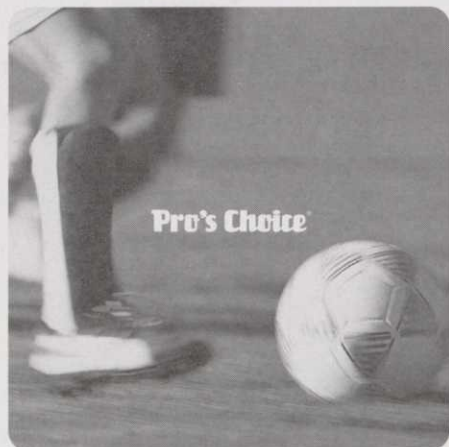
posed by the Finance and Audit Committee in the preliminary 2004 budget. Budget line items were reviewed and discussed, with revisions made during the finalization of the 2004 budget as approved by the Board. Proposals from the University of Georgia and from Michigan State University on the Turfgrass Information File were reviewed and accepted.

Other major issues addressed by the Board included: Marketing Committee proposals for continuing image enhancement, 2004 Conference details, review of the progress in development and implementation of the new Membership Management System, details for development of an electronic newsletter in 2004, discussion items raised by the Chapter Relations Committee, review of ongoing initiatives in interaction and potential alliances with targeted green-industry associations, website enhancement, and membership service issues.

The next Board Meeting will be held January 20th, 2003, at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego, California, in conjunction with STMA's 15th Annual Conference & Exhibition.

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Headquarters Report

by Steve Trusty, Executive Director

Following are some of the activities that your HQ staff has been involved with since the last column for the newsletter was written:

Membership Management System

Your new system is live and online and all the final bugs are being worked out. While implementation has been very time consuming, staff has already realized efficiencies in tracking member and conference information. We will be providing you with the details on how to access your information very soon. We are currently looking at ways to provide an easy-to-use, but effective, online up-to-date, membership directory. We'll keep you posted.

NRPA Conference

STMA again had a booth and sponsored 3 presentations at the annual National Recreation and Parks Association Congress. Over 400 people attended the sessions put on by your fellow members Jody Gill, Mike Trigg, CSFM and Brad Fresenburg. They each did an excellent job of representing STMA and providing information wanted by the attendees. This meeting is an excellent opportunity to showcase what STMA has to offer. We can let Park Directors know that they can hire professionals to maintain their athletic fields. If they already have a professional Sports Turf Manager in place, it lets them know that they are dealing with members of a professional organization. We can also reach those attendees with sports field responsibilities to let them know about STMA and invite them to join.

STMA Board Meeting

Your Board, Executive Director and Communications Director met in Chicago the end of October. Many important decisions were made including approval of the budget for 2004. Look for information elsewhere in this newsletter and more information to come as some of the details of the decisions are finalized. Your Board works hard to represent you. Let them know you appreciate their efforts and volunteer to help on committees or other areas that you can assist with.

FFA Conference & Career Fair

STMA has had a booth in the FFA Career Fair for the past three years. Each year brings more interest from students and advisors on the possibility of sports turf management as a career. Over 50,000 people attended this year. Besides over 40,000 students, the attendees include teacher/advisors, parents and chaperons. Many instructors are now providing information to their entire classes about sports turf managers and what they do. STMA members and Kentucky Chapter officers Aaron Boggs, University of Louisville, and Tom Nielsen, Louisville Bats Baseball, spent time in the booth providing great information to instructors and students. Tom also conducted several tours of his facility. The more people that know about you, the more chances you have of getting out positive information about what you do.

Awards Committee

Your Awards Committee met in St. Louis the first week of November. The five members collectively spent over 80 hours judging all the entries. They did a very thorough job and selected the very best candidates. While the overall quality of entries keeps going up, making judging even more difficult, do consider entering your field or complex next year if you feel it is worthy of consideration. Let the

judging team of : Tim Moore, CSFM, Jody Gill, Steve LeGros, Carol Gundlach and Kathy Cassmeyer know you appreciate their efforts.

Bylaws revisions

By the time you read this, the voting on the Bylaws revisions will have been completed. Watch your mail for the results and your next round of ballots for next year's officers and board members.

New Members

New member applications are starting to roll in. Are you taking advantage of the New Member Mania? Invite others to join you as an STMA member and everyone wins! Check the website for details.

Membership Dues

Dues notices will be mailed in early December. This will give you the opportunity to pay your 2004 dues in this calendar year if you prefer. If you would rather pay them in 2004, you'll have the invoice on hand to pay right after the first of the year.

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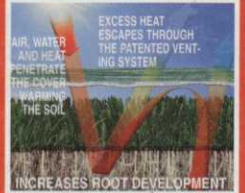
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