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### ***Cricket Grounds: the Evolution, Maintenance and Construction of Natural Turf Cricket Tables and Outfields***

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There has long been a need for a comprehensive text book covering all aspects of the difficult and controversial subject of cricket groundsmanship. We confidently predict this publication will meet that need, as its ten chapters deal in detail with all aspects of construction and maintenance of modern cricket grounds, set in historical context by a survey of the development of the groundsman's art over the last three centuries.

The text details the history of groundsmanship prior to the 2nd World War, and moves on to cover post-war developments, including the increasing role played by agronomists and other scientists in the study of cricket surfaces. Subsequent topics include the assessment of an existing table; pitch preparation; mechanised maintenance operations, fertilizer and top dressing; weed, moss, worm and pest control; renovation and repair; and care of the outfield. A chapter is devoted to the planning and construction of new grounds.

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### **Sports Turf Managers Association announces formation of Colorado Chapter**

Las Vegas, Nev.—The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) announces the formation of its newest chapter in the Colorado/Rocky Mountain region, bringing the total number of STMA chapters to four.

Heading the Colorado Chapter is Thomas A. Lujan of Mile High Stadium, Denver, Colorado. Other elected officers include Bill Whirty, Ft. Collins Parks & Recreation, president elect; Larry Perotti, Sharp Brothers Seed Company, vice president; and Mark Leasure, Colorado Springs Sky Sox, secretary / treasurer.

The chapter has already held a soccer and football field maintenance workshop and is planning a softball / baseball field maintenance workshop in Colorado Springs during the spring of 1991.

## Fred V. Grau

The turf industry lost one of its greatest organizers in December when Dr. Fred V. Grau died after an extended illness.

His list of achievements includes becoming the first extension agronomist in turf in the United States, the first director of the United States Golf Association Green Section, first chairman of the American society of Agro-

nomy's Turf Committee, and organizer of the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation and National Sports Turf Council. He participated in the development and release of Merion Kentucky bluegrass, Penncross bentgrass, Meyer zoysiagrass, Penngift crownvetch, and improved bermudagrasses for turf.

Grau collaborated in the initial design of the turf aerifier, seed harvesting equipment, and hydraulic seeder.

Grau was born and raised on a farm in Bennington, NE in 1902. He received a bachelor's degree in science from the University of Nebraska and master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Maryland.

He was the author of hundreds of articles, publications and books on turf management and spoke at conferences around the world about the benefits of improved turfgrasses and scientific maintenance practices.