

# THE EXTRA POINT

## STMA NEWS

### ANNUAL MEETING SITE IN HOUSTON SELECTED

The Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel in Houston, TX, has been chosen as the site for the Second Annual STMA convention and trade show. The three-day event, scheduled for January 19-21, 1990, will feature both indoor and outdoor exhibits of equipment and supplies for sports field maintenance, as well as a comprehensive educational program.

More than 200 sports turf managers and 40 exhibitors attended the First Annual STMA Convention this past January at Dodgertown in Vero Beach, FL.

"STMA's annual conference offers an excellent educational opportunity not only to STMA members, but to all turfgrass managers," states President Steve Cockerham. "You don't have to be a member to attend the annual meeting. Best of all, Houston provides a central location within the United States."

The association has reserved a block of more than 200 rooms at the Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel at reduced convention rates. STMA is currently arranging special air fares for sports turf managers traveling from other states.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NAMED

STMA President Stephen T. Cockerham has named 15 committee chairmen for 1989. "Committee goals," said Cockerham, "are to maximize the value of STMA to the members and to the industry, increase member involvement in the association, and increase membership. I encourage STMA members to take an active role in the association by serving on one of the committees by contacting headquarters in Upland, CA."

The committees and their chairmen are as follows:

**Membership** - Co-chairmen Mike Schiller, park superintendent, Glenview Park District, Glenview, IL, and Harry Gill, superintendent of grounds, Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee, WI.

**Public Relations** - Chairman John Culbertson, director of public relations, Pacific Sod, Camarillo, CA.

**Research** - Chairman Dr. James Watson, vice president/chief agronomist, The Toro Company, Minneapolis, MN.

**Scholarship** - Three co-chairmen, James Long, superintendent of grounds, Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA; Dr. Richard Skogley, professor of agronomy, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI; and Dr. John Hall, extension agronomist, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA.

**Annual Meeting and Conference** - Chairman David Frey, director of property, Cleveland Stadium, Cleveland, OH.

**Southeast Sports Turf Institute** - Chairman Dr. Gil Landry, extension turf specialist, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

**Northeast Sports Turf Institute** - Chairman James Long.

**North Central Sports Turf Institute** - Co-chairmen George Rokosh, building and grounds manager, College of Du Page, Glen Ellyn, IL, and Charles Gura, supervisor of roads and grounds, Harper College, Palatine, IL.

**Western Sports Turf Institute** - Chairman Mark Hodnick, supervisor of landscape services, Cal-Poly, Pomona, CA.

In addition to the committee chairmen, Cockerham made two other appointments. Dr. Kent Kurtz, who recently retired as STMA executive, was named education coordinator. Bruce Shank, associate publisher of *sportsTURF* magazine, was appointed association historian.

### SIXTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE HELD AT CAL POLY

The oldest of STMA's four regional sports turf institutes, the one held at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, continued a strong tradition of participation in March. For the sixth straight year, more than 300 sports turf managers and suppliers attended the event to exchange the latest information on management of high-use, recreational turf.

The combination of seminars, exhibits and demonstrations attracted people from three states. Schools, parks, colleges, professional teams, and golf courses were represented among the participants at the one-day meeting on the campus of Cal Poly.

The morning seminars focused on new turf varieties, irrigation and turf renovation. Field demonstrations followed the educational sessions and included infield preparation, field decoration, aerification, drainage installation and mowing. Thirty-three companies exhibited products developed specifically for the sports turf market.

The Cal Poly Institute, cosponsored by the university and STMA, is the model used for institutes held each year in the Chicago area, the Boston area, and Florida. "The growing attendance at STMA Institutes is an indication of the increasing professionalism of sports turf managers throughout the United States," remarked President Steve Cockerham. He also pointed out that the annual convention to be held in 1990 in Houston will provide a similar opportunity for sports turf managers in the central United States.

### CATCH THE ACTION

Mark your calendar.

**June 21** — **Midwest Sports Turf Institute**  
Harper College, Palatine, IL.

**September (TBA)** - **Northeast Sports Turf Institute.**  
College of Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.



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