MAIN EVENTS

8 STMA PROFILE: PAUL ZWASKA GROWS INTO THE JOB
A protege of Pat Santarone and the late Harry Gill, STMA member Paul Zwaska was hooked on field management at age 10. Today, as head groundskeeper for the Baltimore Orioles charged with caring for the new Oriole Park at Camden Yard, he’s living his boyhood dream.

14 SOIL POLYMERS FOR TURF AREAS: A TECHNICAL REVIEW
Acknowledged to increase the water-holding capacity of soil, polymers help extend irrigation intervals. This article explores polymer use in large turf irrigation management programs.

18 IRRIGATION SHOWCASE

30 SUCCESS WITH SOD: FROM SELECTION TO INSTALLATION
Making sure that “instant green” lasts more than an instant means paying attention to the basics.

35 SPORTS TURF MOWING TRENDS: MANUFACTURERS’ ROUNDTABLE
Translated by mower designers and engineers, the needs and desires of today’s turf professionals become the improvements of tomorrow. Manufacturers must keep their “ears to the ground” for technology to move forward. Here’s what they’re hearing.

LINE-UP

6 FRONT OFFICE
6 EVENTS
13 CHEMICAL LOG
28 STMA IN ACTION
37 EXPLORING EQUIPMENT
38 ROOKIES
38 SCOREBOARD

ON THE COVER: Reel mower at work in the outfield of Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. Photo courtesy Jacobsen/ Textron.