



#### November 1-5

North Carolina State University Supervisors' Management School, Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park, Wheeling, WV. Contact Chip Futrell: (919) 513-1938.

#### November 4-6

Eastern Regional Nurserymen's Association's (ERNA) Expo Fall '98, Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ. Contact ERNA: (800) 376-2463, or fax: (301) 990-9771.

#### November 10-13

New York State Turfgrass Association's (NYSTA) Annual Turf and Grounds Exposition, OnCenter, Syracuse, NY. Contact NYSTA: (800) 873-8873 or (518) 783-1229.

#### November 11-13

The Midwest Regional Turf Foundation's Turfgrass and Ornamental Seminar, Lafayette, IN. Contact Beverly Bratton: (765) 494-8039, or fax: (765) 496-2926.

#### November 14-17

The ninth annual Green Industry Expo (GIE), Opryland Hotel Convention Center, Nashville, TN. Contact Eleanor Ellison: (770) 973-2019.

#### December 7-10

Ohio Turfgrass Conference & Show, Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH. (614) 760-5442.

#### December 9-11

Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association's (RMRTA) 45th annual Conference and Trade Show, Currigan Hall, Denver, CO. (303) 770-2220.

### 1999

#### January 13-17

Sports Turf Managers Association's (STMA) 10th annual Conference & Exhibition, Mesa, AZ. Contact STMA: (800) 323-3875 or (712) 366-2669.

## STMA MESSAGE

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# Home Field Advantage

**D**id you get to watch any of the Little League Baseball Championship games played in Williamsport, PA, in August? It was great to see that all the hard work done in 1996 by the KAFMO Chapter, which includes such commercial members as Alpine Services and Hummer Turfgrass Systems, was still benefiting this baseball institution.

The KAFMO Chapter also helped conduct a two-day seminar on field maintenance and pre-game preparations at the field this past May. Don Fowler was the driving force for this event.

I understand that Fowler continues to be the point person for advice and assistance on the long-term maintenance of this field. This year, he once again marshaled a group of volunteers to assist in field preparations prior to the event and during the week of competition leading up to the Championship Game. The prime focus, as always, was safety and playability. And of course, aesthetics was important as well.

To all of you involved, thank you!! You deserve a big pat on the back for your dedication to our industry and to youth sports. This outreach to Little League participants is a prime example of the giving back to others that is so much a part of STMA.

With soccer and football in full swing, the wear machines of American contact sports have sharpened their spikes for another season of turf abuse. Check your fall fertilization schedule. As the weather is cooling down, now is the time to give your turf the help it needs to hold up through fall sports and build up reserves for an early spring green-up.

Now is also the time to remind your boss of the advantages you'll gain by attending the 10th annual STMA Conference and Exposition in Mesa, AZ, January 13-17, 1999. The multiple-choice educational sessions, interactive round-table discussions, and trade show designed specifically for the sports turf manager will all help you professionally. And there's so much to see in Arizona's Valley of the Sun: many premium baseball spring training facilities; BOB (Bank One Ballpark), home of the Arizona Diamondbacks; and Arizona State University's Packard Stadium and Sun Devil Stadium. Choose any of the three optional Seminar on Wheels tours and you'll be sure to pick up ideas to put to use on your home field.

Always a favorite part of our STMA conferences is the opportunity to meet and exchange information with other sports turf managers. The dream of our founding fathers was that sports turf managers would share freely of their knowledge and hard-earned experience, so the entire industry would grow professionally. Thanks to them and to you, that's happening.

So start the wheels rolling to join other sports turf professionals in "Growing into the New Millennium" at the 1999 Conference. I hope to see all of you there!!

**Stephen Guise, STMA President**  
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