

# Thank You



**A**s warming weather moves spring sports onto the field, it's time to take a quick pause to say thank you to all those who have made STMA Chapters so successful in 1999 and to all those who have made the commitment to actively support their chapters in 2000.

The administrative tasks associated with running a chapter take hours of hard work by each chapter's officers, board members, committee chairs and committee members. Records must be maintained, funds collected and bills paid. There's more time involved in developing and maintaining communication channels: a newsletter, hot-line, Web site or calling tree. Chapter programs for scholarships, fields of the year or service projects all must be developed and coordinated by more volunteers.

There's a mountain of behind-the-scenes work that must take place for each event, whether it's an educational session, on-field workshop, vendor display, site tour or a combination of any of these. A team of individuals must come up with the idea; gain the approval of all involved; work out the scheduling and logistical details, including a back-up plan for inclement weather; line up the speakers, demonstration materials and equipment; put together the informational materials to alert potential attendees; coordinate the registration, funding, and/or sponsorships; coordinate the set-up, tear-down and on-site activities; and handle all the wrap-up details.

So please, do make a point to personally pass along a thank you to your chapter's dedicated team.

Also please thank Chapter Relations Chair Abby McNeal and our chapter sponsors: Gold Level for 1999 and 2000: Novartis and John Deere; Gold Level for 2000: Pro's Choice; and Silver Level for 1999 and 2000: Alpine Services and Hunter Industries.

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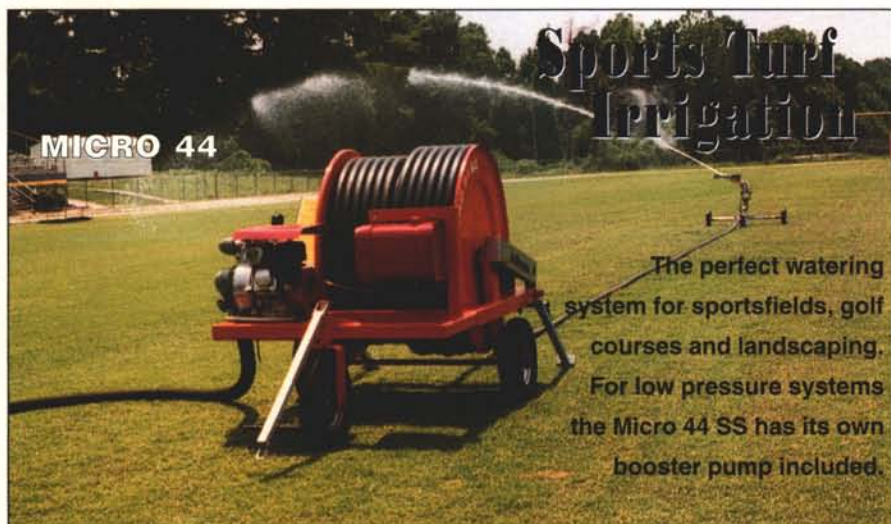


The Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association. For information on upcoming events or on the chapter, contact: Jim Anthony, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., at (314) 977-3228.

**Florida #1:** The chapter will participate in the IFAS/South Florida Expo on March 16. The chapter will also meet on May 16 at the Miami Dolphins training camp. Meeting focus will be weed control. For infor-

mation on the Florida Chapter or pending activities, contact: John Mascaro at (954) 341-3115.

**KAFMO:** KAFMO will participate in the Northwest Pennsylvania Athletic Field, Turf and Ornamentals Conference, which will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on March 21 at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. General session topics and presenters are: "Building Your Toolbox Online," by Joel Hunter of Crawford County Extension; "What Does the FQPA Mean to the Green Industry," by William Hoffman of Penn State University; and "Soil Health and Its Importance to Turf," by Mark Altman of Altman & Altman Consulting. Athletic field options in the three breakout sessions are: "The Anatomy of a Ballfield Failure," presented by Tim Anderson of UHS, Quantumleaf Consulting; "Is My Field Safe?" presented by Don Fowler of KAFMO; and "Putting It All Together," presented by Mark Altman. For information on the KAFMO Chapter STMA or upcoming events, contact: Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at (610) 375-8469, extension 212 or via the chapter e-mail address: kafmo@aol.com.



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**Great Lakes:** GLSTMA has announced their annual Award Recipients. They are: Oak Harbor High School—Football Field of the Year (Gary Cousino); Heritage

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A well-run event is no accident: Behind the scenes, a group of dedicated individuals must, among other things, work out schedules, line up speakers, prepare back-up plans in case of an emergency and coordinate the set-up and wrap-up details of the event.



Stadium, Baldwin Wallace College—Division III Baseball Field of the Year (Duane Smith); Buckeye Softball Field, Ohio State University—Softball Field of the Year (Brian Gimbel); Bill Davis Stadium, Ohio State University—Division I Baseball Field of the Year (Brian Gimbel); Gercey Park, Ottawa Hills High School—High School Baseball Field of the Year (Tim Erickson); and Cat Stadium, Sylvania Recreation/Sylvania Schools—Soccer Field of the Year (K. J. Petinoit and Brian Hall). The President's Award for the turf manger who stands out in Ohio went to Brian Gimbel from Ohio State University. The Commercial Affiliate of the Year was The Andersons. For information on the GLSTMA Chapter, the Chapter's Field of the Year Program or upcoming events, contact: Joe Zelinko at (800) 897-9714 or Boyd Montgomery at (419) 885-1982 or click on your computer to [www.glstma.org](http://www.glstma.org) to visit the chapter's Web site.

**Wisconsin:** The chapter will hold its Spring Meeting in early May at the Nienhaus Sports Complex and Appleton North High School Athletic Fields in Appleton, Wis. The exact date and further details will be announced soon. For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter or pending events, contact: Rich Riggs, R. H. Rettler & Associates, Inc. at (715) 341-2633.

**Arizona:** For information on upcoming events or on the chapter, contact:

Bill Murphy, City of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department, at (602) 312-7954.

**Colorado:** For information on the chapter or upcoming activities, log on to the chapter's Web site:

[www.cstma.org](http://www.cstma.org) or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline: (303) 346-8954.

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**Tennessee Valley:** For information on the TVSTMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact: Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc. at (913) 380-0023 or Bob Hogan at (888) 224-6426.

**Northern California:** For information on the Nor-Cal STMA Chapter or pending activities, contact: Janet Gift at (530) 758-4200.

**Southern California:** For information on the chapter or pending activities, contact: The Chapter Hotline, (888) 578-STMA.

**Indiana:** For information on the chapter or pending activities, contact: Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at (219) 356-8424 or Pat Hickner at (800) 672-4273.

**Iowa:** For information on the chapter or upcoming activities, contact: Lori

Westrum at The Turf Office at (515) 232-8222 (phone), (515) 232-8228 (fax) or e-mail: Lori@iowasturfgrass.org.

**Michigan:** For information on the chapter or pending events, contact: Rick Jurries, West Ottawa Public Schools, at (616) 395-2364.

**MAFMO:** For information on the chapter or pending activities, contact the Hotline: (410) 290-5652.

**Mid-South:** For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact: Jim Calhoun at (901) 755-1305 or Robert Bodi at (901) 383-2414.

### Chapters On The Grow

**Nebraska:** A new chapter is taking shape in Nebraska. For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact: Greg Bostelman, City of Grand Islands, at (308) 385-5426.

**New Jersey:** For information on this forming chapter or upcoming events, contact: Jim Gavigan, Lesco, at (732) 248-8979 or Eleanora Pene, director,

Township of Clinton Parks & Recreation Department, at (908) 735-5999.

**Kansas City, MO/KS:** A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 1, at Kauffman Stadium, home of the Kansas City Royals. This event will feature demonstrations on mound and home plate building; basepath preparation and maintenance; field painting; and equipment use. Question and answer sessions with those providing the demonstrations will be part of the program. For information on the forming chapter or upcoming events, contact: Trevor Vance at (816) 504-4271; John Cundiff at (816) 525-7600; Bill Tritt at (816) 941-4424; Jody Gill at (913) 681-4121; Gary Custis at (816) 468-6215; or Jay Sutton at (816) 795-8873.



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