

# Calendar of Events 2001

## July 20-22

Outdoor Power Equipment Institute's (OPEI) 18th annual International Lawn, Garden & Power Equipment Expo (EXPO 2001), Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY. Contact: Sellers Expositions, 550 S. 4th Ave., Louisville, KY 40202-2504; (800) 558-8767 or (502) 562-1962; fax (502) 562-1970. Web site: <http://expo.mow.org>.

## October 31-November 1

Southern California Landscape, Equipment and Turfgrass Expo, Pomona, CA. Contact: Southern California Turfgrass Council (SCTC), 7100 Sunnyslope Ave., Valley Glen, CA 91450; (818) 764-5016 or (800) 500-SCTC (7282); [expo@turfgrass.org](mailto:expo@turfgrass.org). Web site: <http://www.turfgrass.org>.

## November 10-13

12th annual Green Industry Expo (GIE), Tampa, FL. Contact: Professional Lawn Care Association of America, 1000 Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Suite C-135, Marietta, GA 30068-2112; (770) 973-2019; fax (770) 578-6071; [info@gieonline.com](mailto:info@gieonline.com). Web site: <http://www.gieonline.com>.

## November 13-15

Turf and Grounds Exposition, Oncenter, Syracuse, NY. Contact: New York State Turfgrass Association (NYSTA), P.O. Box 612, Latham, NY 12110; (518) 783-1229/(800) 873-TURF (8873); fax (518) 783-1258; [nysta@nysta.org](mailto:nysta@nysta.org). Web site: <http://www.nysta.org>.

## December 4-6

Ohio Turfgrass Show, Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH. Contact: Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Satellite Office, 746 Morrison Rd., Columbus, OH 43230-6649; (614) 501-1100 or (877) 683-3445; fax (614) 501-1101. Web site: <http://www.ohioturfgrass.org>.

# sportsTURF *The Front Office*



## So long, everybody

For the past 18 months I've had the honor of speaking to you from this column on page six, recapping events, discussing trends and sharing information specific to the sports turf industry.

I've also been able to meet hundreds of you at trade shows, STMA Chapter events and the past two STMA Conferences. My entire tenure spent as the editor for sportsTURF has been a fantastic experience, and I'm very thankful to all of you who helped make it so.

It is because this experience has been so wonderful that it's hard to say goodbye. This issue of sportsTURF will be my last. Don't worry, I'm not dying or about to be unemployed; on the contrary, I am staying at Adams Business Media, and will be editing and writing for another magazine in our Horticulture Group. I'm sure I'll see many of you at the larger trade shows later this year.

Things won't be that different around here—you'll still have a Mike as editor. Michael Oswald, pictured here, will take over editorial duties starting in June.

Last year, Mike became an editor for Arbor Age magazine, another magazine published by Adams, after spending six years editing two truck magazines. In addition to editing, he has experience taking photos and aiding in production, and has also spent two years working as a marketing coordinator for a computer company, where he wrote and designed ads, direct mail pieces and tradeshow collateral material.

I've gotten to know Mike over the past two months, and I know he'll be a great fit for sportsTURF. He's well acquainted with the horticulture industry, he's a great writer and he's a great guy to talk with. Here is his contact information:



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I encourage you to write or call Mike to introduce yourselves and offer any opinions you have about the magazine and what types of articles, columns or products you'd like to see in the future.

Again, I'd like to thank all of you whom I've had the chance to talk to and work with over the past year and a half. To all the writers who have contributed articles and columns (always by deadline, too. Well, close enough)—thanks so much. To all the turf managers who have opened up your fields, parks and stadiums for me to visit—thanks so much. And above all, to Steve and Suz Trusty, my good friends at STMA Headquarters, who never failed to amaze me in their energy, talent, dedication and kindness—thanks so much.

Thank you all so much.

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