

# from the sidelines

## And now for some good news

**F**ive more turf managers recently earned the "Certified Sports Field Manager" (CSFM) designation from the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA): Richard D. Bold, superintendent of parks, Glencoe Park District, Glencoe, IL; Chris Calcaterra, sports complex supervisor, Peoria Sports Complex, Peoria, AZ; Alan Siebert, maintenance coordinator at the Peoria Complex; Darin Budak, also from the Peoria Complex; and James Sanders, park superintendent, Vail Recreation District, Vail, CO.

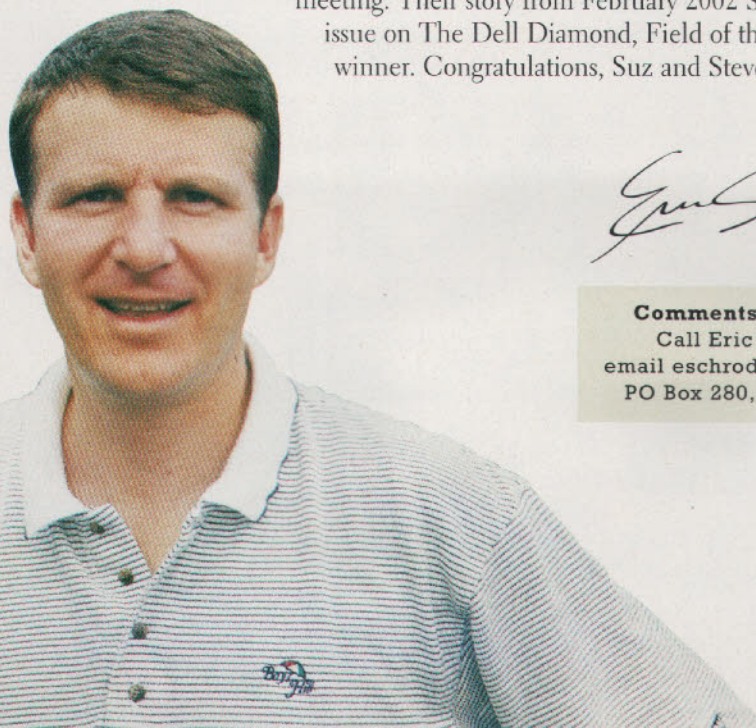
To qualify for the opportunity to test for certification status, you must achieve a minimum of 40 points earned through a combination of education and experience. After verification of these points, you take a four-part written exam to address competencies established by professionals, educators, and researchers within the industry on agronomic, administration, pest management, and sports-specific issues. You must score at least 80 percent on all four segments to get your CSFM designation. The 3-year certification renewal cycle is designed to keep Certified individuals responsive to industry progress and technological advances. For more info contact Donna Lynn at 800-323-3875.

The Professional Grounds Management Society's (PGMS) most recent annual salary survey reports the average hourly salary for superintendents/managers in 2002 was \$27.87 with reported salaries ranging between \$22.76 and \$32.35. The average hire rate was \$21.95. These figures all represent increases from 2001 data, in which the average salary reported for superintendents/managers was \$21.34 and the average hire rate was \$17.21.

A PGMS report to members included such data as the high, low, and average dollar (salary) per hour paid to superintendents/managers, supervisors/chiefs, foremen, equipment operators, mechanics, and permanent, temporary and part-time laborers. It also gives information relative to the number in each category receiving a bonus, life insurance, health insurance and/or a retirement plan.

The report reflects, for instance, that the average management respondent had 21.69 years in the profession and has been in his or her present position for 11.2 years. More than 78 percent of respondents had horticulture or agriculture education backgrounds and an increasing number (16.4 percent) reported post-graduate education. Copies of the report are available for \$15. Contact PGMS at PGMS@assnhqtrs.com.

Steve and Suz Trusty from STMA Headquarters won a Merit Award in the Writing for Commercial Publications - Operations Profile category from the Turf and Ornamental Communicators Association (TOCA) at a recent meeting. Their story from February 2002 SPORTSTURF issue on The Dell Diamond, Field of the Year, was the winner. Congratulations, Suz and Steve!



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