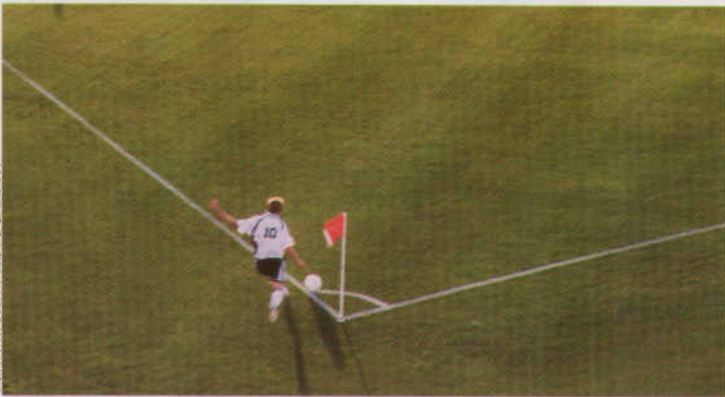


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STMA member wins IPM award

Kevin Trotta, head groundskeeper for the North Rockland Central School District in Rockland County, NY, recently received the New York State Excellence in IPM Award, according to Dr. Michael Hoffmann, director of the New York State IPM Program. He is the first athletic field manager and STMA member to receive this award. Each year the Program awards individuals or organizations whose work supports integrated pest management in New York State.

Trotta's efforts in IPM education and the promotion of more environmentally friendly athletic field management and lawn care have gained wide recognition. He was a speaker at the STMA conference in Phoenix this past year and regularly teaches these methods in classes at the New York Botanical Garden, the Institute of Ecosystem Studies, for Cooperative Extension and at seminars around the country. Congratulations, Kevin!

A panel of five judges independently scored each entry based on the playability and appearance of the playing surfaces, innovative solutions employed, effective use of budget, and the development and implementation of a comprehensive, sound agronomic program.

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