

# STMA members win turf manager awards

**T**om Nielsen of the Louisville Bats has again been voted as the International League Sports Turf Manager of the Year. Voted on by International League field managers and pitching coaches, the award was established in 1992 to recognize outstanding effort and excellence in the care and maintenance of a baseball playing surface. Nielsen also won the award in 2003.

Dan "Dirt" Douglas of the Reading (PA) Phillies was named winner of the 2009 Eastern League Diamond Pro Sports Field Manager of the Year Award. This marks the fourth time in his career that Dan has been selected as the winner of the award, which is voted on by Eastern League field staff and umpires. Douglas is the long-time president of the Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization and 2001 recipient of STMA's prestigious Harry C. Gill Memorial Award.

Corpus Christi Hooks field superintendent Garrett Reddehase has been named the Texas League's Turf Manager of the Year in voting by league managers and umpires. Reddehase, who has been involved with the grounds crew at Whataburger Field since the building of the facility in 2005, has been the club's head groundskeeper since October 2007.

Ed Attalla of the Southern League's Jacksonville Suns has been named its 2009 Groundskeeper of the Year, as selected by the league's field managers and umpires. The honor marks the fifth time Attalla has been named the circuit's top groundskeeper. Attalla joined the Suns in 2003 and won the award in each of his first four seasons with the club. He was also named the Double-A Field Turf Manager of the Year in 2003. ■

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Featured speakers are Kim Heck, CEO of STMA and Larry DiVito, Head Groundskeeper, Minnesota Twins. For more information visit their websites noted in the list below.

**Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:** www.azstma.com.

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**Keystone Athletic Field Managers Org. (KAFMO/STMA):** www.kafmo.org.

**Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association:** www.kystma.org.

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**Minnesota Chapter STMA:** www.mstma.com.

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**New England STMA (NESTMA):** www.nestma.org.

**Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association:** 402/441-4425.

**North Carolina Chapter of STMA:** www.ncsportsturf.org.

**North Florida STMA Chapter:** 850/580-4026.

**Northern California STMA:** www.norcalstma.org.

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**Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA):** www.ostma.org.

**Oregon STMA Chapter:** 503/953-9406

**Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association:** www.pnwstma.org.

**Southern California Chapter:** www.socalstma.com.

**South Carolina Chapter of STMA:** www.scstma.org.

**Texas Sports Turf Managers Association:** 866/897-8621.

**Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA):** www.tvstma.com.

**Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association:** www.vstma.org.

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