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**1 What is your company's primary business? (check ONLY ONE)**

- F  Sports Complex G  Athletic Field and/or Park Architect/Designer  
T  School, College or University P  Park  
H  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Which of the following best describes your title? (check ONLY ONE)**

- A  EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATOR — President, Owner, Partner, Director, General Manager, Chairman of the Board, Purchasing Agent, Athletic Director  
B  MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENT — Superintendent, Landscape/Ground Maintenance Manager, Foreman, Supervisor  
C  GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL — Government Commissioner, Agent, Other Government Official  
D  SPECIALIST — Architect, Designer, Consultant, Agronomist, Horticulturist, Certified Specialist  
F  COACH E  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Do you have the authority to buy, specify or recommend products and/or services for your business or organization?**

Y  Yes N  No

**4 Yearly operating expenditures (excluding salaries)**

- F  Over \$1 million C  \$50,001 - \$100,000  
E  \$500,001 - \$1 million B  \$25,001 - \$50,000  
D  \$100,001 - \$500,000 A  \$25,000 and under

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have been involved with STMA, I have made so many wonderful friends over the years and I have gotten so much more out of being a member than I could ever have imagined. I was blessed to have so very many wonderful people help me in my career and I hope that I have made them proud.

### JOHN A. FIK CSFM/CGM

Today's Sports Turf Management is a blending of art, science, creativity and technical competency to provide a safe and aesthetically appealing sports surface. Television and the internet

have had a big influence on the sports turf industry as well as the golf course industry. With this has brought a greater effort to keep the client/customer educated and to manage their expectations. Safety of the athletes has become a primary concern of all sports turf managers and learning from industry peers on how to improve safety keeps you one step ahead any litigious actions.

Chris Metcalf CSFM/CGM started with our company in December 2000 as Grounds, Landscape and Sports Fields Manager at Aurora University and received his CSFM designation on July 1, 2012. Chris has always been someone who has wanted to learn more and constantly pushes himself and his crew in providing a more safe and attractive campus. When he called and told me he was applying to become a CSFM it was just another example of how stay-

ing at the status quo was not for him.

Darrel Maier is a former golf course superintendent that started with our company on June 1, 2010 and is currently the Grounds, Landscape and Sports Field Manager at St. Luke's School (a private day school) in western Connecticut. The state of Connecticut, as well as many other states in the Northeast, is under a strict "no spray" policy for all public and private K-12 schools. Darrell is constantly researching information through university studies, on line resources through STMA and talking with other sports turf managers to get the latest BMP information. He is looking at converting one of his Kentucky bluegrass fields to a lower impact improved Tall Fescue variety as a test case. He has come up with imaginative ways to control some of the diseases that occur on Kentucky bluegrasses. ■



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