• Increased educational opportunities by expanding the availability of critical resources that will make you more effective in your position.

The CSFM program, now in its 14th year, has graduated hundreds of sports turf managers from across the industry and country, and continues to challenge those who want to “raise their game.” The testing portion is challenging but definitely do-able, especially for someone who has worked on a field; 79 percent of people pass it on their first or second try.

If you are eligible to become certified and want to take your career to the next level, the CSFM program and STMA stand ready to assist.

Visit stma.org/csfm-program to learn more about the program, including details on the recalibrated point system for crew members and assistants, and to download the comprehensive application packet.

Roger O’Connor, left, former grounds crew leader for Wrigley Field, paints the field in 1984 using a type of paint striper. It uses a liquid propane tank (hopefully filled with compressed air and not propane) instead of a motor. It was silent and worked well, however it can lose pressure fairly quickly and need to be re-charged. If it was using LP gas, it would last much longer, but smoking near it was dangerous.

This new monthly feature will honor the people, places and equipment that helped to create the foundation for our association and advance the sports turf management profession. The “Doc” in Doc’s Dugout refers to the late Dr. Kent Kurtz, who spearheaded the initial effort to preserve the history of STMA.

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