

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gil Landry, Jr.

Listening to sports turf professionals and members of the media at STMA's National Conference this past December in Indianapolis, one thing kept coming to mind: The future is now.



Through Matt Trulio with *sportsTURF Magazine*, Harry Cline with *Western Turf Management Magazine*, Jerry Roche of *Landscape Management*, George Toma and Dr. Jim Watson, I couldn't help but hear a call to action. We must increase our activities, get involved, communicate, and foster respect and understand the significance turf management plays in today's sports world.

STMA's Fourth National Conference was a starting point, a catalyst for this coming year. More than 150 sports turf professionals came to Indianapolis for a number of reasons, but mainly to learn—so that they can more effectively produce better and safer sports turf areas.

The annual conference was an opportunity to network and discuss strategies and solutions. I left Indianapolis with a tremendous feeling of enthusiasm, pride, knowledge, and commitment to not only improve in all areas of sports turf management, but to educate others.

I was inspired by the tremendous sense of camaraderie. Where else can a person participate in sessions and workshops with so many people in the industry? Where else would someone be able to meet and talk with people such as NFL Consultant, George Toma, Dr. Jim Watson from Toro, and Dr. Henry Indyk from Turfcon.

I talked with such people as Bob Campbell, University of Tennessee; Bucky Trotter, University of Kentucky; Dale Getz, Notre Dame; and Dan Wright from Central College in Pella, IA. There also were professional facility field managers in attendance; STMA's first president, Dick Erickson, along with the men who handle the



College World Series, Jesse Cuevas, and the Denver Broncos', Tom Lujan. County and municipal professionals included Paul Greenwell, Atlanta; Bill Whirty, City of Fort Collins Parks, CO; Mike Trigg, Waukegan, IL; and Art Downing from Howard County Parks and Recreation, Cedar Lane Parks, MD.

The common thread through all the activities, tours, and presentations at STMA's National Conference was education. We must envision our future and aggressively pursue it. STMA is inspired for 1993.

In conjunction with the national conference, the STMA board of directors met to develop major objectives for the next year. Those objectives include:

- Developing a membership directory to provide an avenue for members to network and interact with each other as well as to seek out solutions and strategies to problems.

- Developing an educational compendium for members to use as a reference tool. The compendium is a collection of all the sports turf literature disseminated by STMA and published by industry publications in 1992.

- Disseminating six newsletters to keep you informed of association and industry activities and events.

- More and better chapter support through communication and staff resources.

- Working with Matt Trulio to continue to further improve our official publication, *sportsTURF Magazine*.

- Investigating the unification of membership. Whether an individual is chapter affiliated or an independent, our goal is to bring sports turf professionals across the United States together under one roof.

- Producing three or more regional institutes and an even better National Conference.

- Continuing our work with the American Society of Testing and Measures (ASTM) to develop standards for field construction and maintenance.

STMA is taking action in 1993. We urge you to join us—the future is now. □

## STMA CHAPTER NEWS

**STMA Florida Chapter #1:** Special Reminder—An all-day event is scheduled for January 13 with STMA of Florida and Regal Chemical Company. C.E.U.s (Continuing Education Units) were issued.

For information on the South Florida Chapter, or for details on meetings and chapter activities, contact: John Mascaro (305) 938-7477 or Ed Birch (305) 938-0217.

**Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association** Special Reminder—The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association annual meeting will be 8 a.m. on January 20 at the Des Moines Convention Center, Des Moines, IA in conjunction with the Iowa Turfgrass Conference, January 18-20.

For information on this meeting, the Iowa Chapter, its goals and activities, contact Gary Peterson at (515) 791-0765.

**Chesapeake Chapter:STMA**—The Chesapeake Chapter is moving into 1993 with exciting events in the planning stages. For information on the chapter, its goals and the part you can play in them, contact the Chapter's Information Line (301) 865-0667.

**Midwest Chapter:STMA**—The Chapter's 1993 Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon is scheduled for March 4 at Avalon Banquets, Elk Grove, IL. More details will be announced shortly.

For information on this meeting, the Midwest Chapter and other chapter activities, contact Mike Schiller at (708) 439-4727 or Mike Trigg, Waukegan Park District at (708) 360-4750.

**Colorado Chapter:STMA**—An informative agenda is in the works for 1993. For information about the Colorado Chapter and its activities, contact Ron Marten (Falcon Colorado School District 49) at (719) 495-3601.

**Carolina Chapter:STMA**—For information on the Carolina Chapter and its activities, contact Marc Farha (facilities manager for the Charlotte Knights) at (704) 332-3746.

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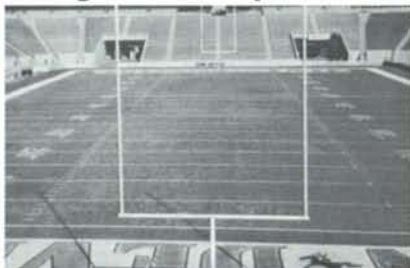
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## DEERE TOURNAMENT FIELD

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Craig Fryman, the John Deere representative from Xenia Power Equipment, Xenia, OH, said, "We struggled the first day, but got off to a great start on the second. We'd get off a little, then snap right back. This was my third time in the international tournament. You get closer to the guys each time. You can't beat a game of golf to talk and pick up pointers.

Club president Conrad Stewart said, "The team effort really builds the work relationship. Getting us all together is one of the best things that can happen to the game."

Chafin is retiring in February of 1993. He relished the idea of going out a winner, "These were great courses, great people. The fellowship of the whole tournament was tremendous. It's a great feeling to win."

## HAKO ACQUIRES PARKER

Hako Minuteman, Inc. has acquired Parker Sweeper Company, a manufacturer of litter pick-up machines and lawn sweeping equipment. Hako Minuteman, Inc. manufactures a line of commercial and industrial vacuums, chemical cleaning, and coating products.

## KAMMERER NAMED RESEARCH SPECIALIST

Steven J. Kammerer has been appointed ISK Biotech Corporation Southeast turf and ornamental research and development specialist. He will be responsible for field development of proprietary products and experimental compounds on turf and ornamentals in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia.

He has a master of science degree in plant pathology from the University of Georgia in Athens, GA as well as a bachelor's degree in science from Ohio State University in Columbus, OH.

## JOHN DEERE COMMERCIAL PARTS SALE

Participating John Deere commercial equipment dealers are providing a special program called "Keep Green" that includes sale prices on equipment parts. The program will run through March 31, 1993.

## ASPA CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS

The American Sod Producers Association's 1993 Midwinter Conference and Exposition will be February 3-5 at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans, LA.

The conference will include a pre-conference, members-only seminar on family business management along with two general sessions and six concurrent sessions. Topics for the general sessions include family business strategies for the '90s, turfgrass sod production with limited chemical input, an environmental audio-visual presentation, turfgrass sod benefits as well as Habitat for Humanity, and an ASPA study tour.

Conference speakers include Dr. Al Dudeck, University of Florida; Dr. Ron Hansen, University of Nebraska; Dr. Wendell Mathews, "Turf News" editor; Dr. Charles Peacock, North Carolina State University; Dr. Eliot Roberts, Rosehall Associates; and Dr. Henry Wilkinson, University of Illinois.

Manufacturers of machinery, products, and technology will also be featured during the three-day event.

For more information on the conference, contact The American Sod Producers Association, 1855-A Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 (708) 705-9898.

## SMITH NAMED HYUNDAI MANAGER

Barry Smith has been appointed Hyundai Golf Cars eastern regional sales manager. He will be responsible for overseeing the sales division and coordinating Hyundai's manufacturing and distributor efforts to ensure that the golf cart fleets are promptly delivered and properly serviced and maintained.

## TURF DIAGNOSTICS NAMES LAB MANAGER

Turf Diagnostics & Design of Olathe, KS, has appointed Jennifer Sutch manager of the Technical Operations Laboratory. Prior to this appointment, she was a research agronomist for the Okeelanta Sugar Corporation, a producer of raw and refined cane sugar and molasses.

While earning her master's degree in soil science at Purdue University, she was responsible for the operation of the Purdue soil & plant analysis lab.

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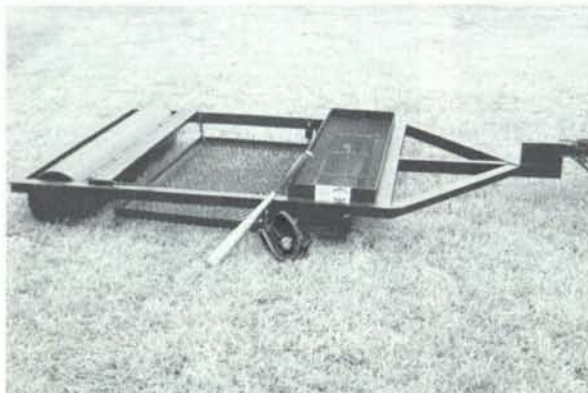
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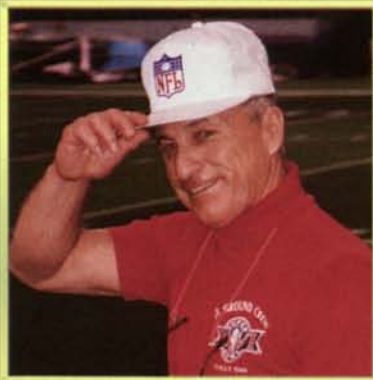
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