With a lot of hard work and some advice from STMA and this magazine, Phil Blach keeps athletes happy with the fields he maintains in Mountain View, Calif. Photo courtesy: Eric V. Schill.

As a recreation supervisor with the City of Mountain View, I have the maintenance of our athletic fields as one of my job responsibilities.

"I read your magazine regularly as it has given my staff and me many good ideas in the general upkeep and maintenance of baseball, softball, football and soccer fields. Enclosed is a photograph of one of our Little League diamonds in Monta Loma Park.

"Monta Loma Park is used by our local Little League beginning in February and usually wrapping up in early fall. Fall renovations include thatching, overseeding, irrigation repair, grading, leveling and hopeful cooperation from Mother Nature. Uptake of our Little League, Babe Ruth League and softball diamonds falls on one person, Phil Blach, who deserves recognition for the outstanding job he does."

**STMA Chapter News**

**Florida Chapter #1:** Florida Chapter #1 will again participate in the Florida Turf Grass Conference and Show to be held September 5-8 in Tampa. Join chapter members and representatives from STMA Headquarters at the STMA booth to help spread the word about STMA and the 9th Annual Conference and Exhibition to be held January 14-18, 1998, at the Coronado Springs Resort and Disney's Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando.

Florida Chapter #1 will meet in Ft. Lauderdale on October 21. The meeting focus will be aerifying and topdressing.

For information on these events, other pending activities, or the Florida Chapter, contact: **John Mascaro** at (954) 938-7477.

**Colorado Chapter:** The Colorado Chapter of STMA has set its combination Vendor Expo and Meeting for September 18, 1997, at Jeffco Stadium. This replaces the spring event that was canceled due to an April snow.

The following are just a few of the features to be included at the September meeting: a presentation on the history of Jefferson County stadiums, a presentation on the STMA Certification program by Certification Committee member **Ross Kurcab**, a tour of Jeffco Stadium and product demonstrations.

For more information on this event, the Colorado Chapter and other upcoming activities, call the 24-Hour CSTMA Chapter Hotline/FAX: (303) 438-9645.

**Iowa STMA:** The Iowa Chapter will hold a Baseball/Football Workshop from 9 a.m. to noon on October 9 at Waldorf College in Forest City. Sessions will include general care of the baseball mound and home plate and general care of the football field.

For more information on this event, the Iowa Chapter or other upcoming activities, contact: **Lori Westrum** at The Turf Office at (515) 232-8222 (phone) or (515) 232-8228 (fax).

**KAFMO:** The Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO Chapter STMA) is now planning its Fall Field Day. Details will be announced soon.

For more information on the field day or the KAFMO Chapter STMA, contact: **Dan Douglas**, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at (610) 375-8469, extension 212.

**Midwest Chapter:** The Midwest Chapter of STMA is in the process of planning future events. For information on the Midwest Chapter or pending activities, call: The Chapter Hotline (847) 439-4727.

**Southern California Chapter:** For information on the Southern California Chapter or pending activities, contact: **Chris Bunnell** at (619) 432-2421.

**Minnesota Chapter:** For information on the Minnesota Chapter or upcoming activities, contact: **Connie Rudolph** at (612) 646-1679.

**STMA Chapters on the Grow**

**Northern California:** A budding chapter is beginning to take shape in Northern California. The steering committee includes **Sal Genito**, UC Davis; **Steve Abella**, Delta Blue Grass; **Sandy Jacobson**, UC Davis; **Bob Milano Jr.**, UC Berkeley; **James Moore**, B & B Concrete; **Dave Patterson**, Sierra Pacific Supply; **Greg Roberts**, Placer Union High; **Tim Smith**, Brown Sand; and **Dennis Suit**, San Jose State.

News about the official "grand opening" and Charter Commercial Memberships will be announced soon. For information, contact any of the committee members, or the UC Davis Grounds Office at (916) 752-5035.

**MAFMO:** The Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO) is an active group currently working toward STMA affiliation. An August "Dinner and a Game" Meeting will be held at the Bowie Baysox Baseball Stadium. Date and time will be announced soon.

A Field Day will be held on September 3 at MacGruder High School in Rockville, Md. This will include a "Turface in Turf" stadium turf renovation.

For more information on these events, MAFMO, or other upcoming activities, contact the Hotline: (410) 290-5652.

**Great Plains:** For information on the Great Plains Sports Turf Managers Association or upcoming events, contact: **Mark Schimming**, City of Wichita, at (316) 337-9123.
August 26 Cornell Turfgrass Field Day. Turfgrass Field Research Laboratory, Ithaca, N.Y. Contact: Kelly Woodhouse. Phone: (607) 255-3090.

August 27 PAPA Pesticide Applicators Seminar. Bakersfield, Calif. Contact: PAPA. Phone: (408) 442-3536.

August 27 Georgia Turfgrass Association's Turfgrass Field Day. Georgia Experiment Station, Griffin, Ga. Contact: Douglas Moody at GTA. Phone: (770) 975-4123. Fax: (770) 975-4044.


August 28 University of California Cooperative Extension's Turf and Landscape Field Day. Free; no advanced registration required. 8 a.m.-12 noon at U.C. Bay Area Research and Extension Center, 90 N. Winchester Boulevard, Santa Clara, Calif. Contact: Dr. Ali Harivandi. Phone: (510) 670-5215.

September 17-18 Turfgrass Research Conference/Field Day (on Sept. 17th) and Landscape Management Research/Field Day (on the 18th). Sponsored by UC Riverside Cooperative Extension. Fee: $35 for each day; includes course, lunch and parking. CEUs available. Contact: Susana Velez. Phone: (909) 787-4430.

September 24 PAPA Pesticide Applicators Seminar. Stockton, Calif. Contact: PAPA. Phone: (408) 442-3536.


October 1 PAPA Pesticide Applicators Seminar. Salinas, Calif. Contact: PAPA. Phone: (408) 442-3536.

October 1-2 The Turfgrass, Landscape and Equipment Expo. Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, Calif. Contacts: Chuck Wilson at (800) 650-9595 or Carolyn Hayes Uber at (909) 981-3141.

October 8 PAPA Pesticide Applicators Seminar. Montebello, Calif. Contact: PAPA. Phone: (408) 442-3536.


October 15 PAPA Pesticide Applicators Seminar. Hayward, Calif. Contact: PAPA. Phone: (408) 442-3536.

October 23 PAPA Pesticide Applicators Seminar. Pomona, Calif. Contact: PAPA. Phone: (408) 442-3536.

November 4-6 Penn State Golf Turf Conference. State College, Pa. Contact: Peter Landschoot, Dept. of Agronomy. Phone: (814) 863-1017.

November 4-7 Turf and Grounds Exposition, OnCenter. Syracuse, N.Y. Contact: NYSTA. Phone: (800) 873-8873 or (518) 783-1229.

November 5 PAPA Pesticide Applicators Seminar. Santa Maria, Calif. Contact: PAPA. Phone: (408) 442-3536.

November 6 PAPA Pesticide Applicators Seminar. Two locations: Chico and Victorville, Calif. Contact: PAPA. Phone: (408) 442-3536.


November 18 PAPA Pesticide Applicators Seminar. Visalia, Calif. Contact: PAPA. Phone: (408) 442-3536.

Send announcements of your events two months in advance to:

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Verti-Brush Settles Sand

Redexim USA Inc., located in Holland, introduces the Verti-Brush, a unit that can brush sand into aeration holes. The Verti-Brush has open, helix pitch brushes that pick up the sand and move it around on the surface. This forces the maximum amount of sand into holes and/or surface undulations. The unit:

- weighs 215 lbs.;
- has a working width of 5 feet;
- is PTO driven with power required at 540 rpm and 6 hp;
- has speeds that can be adjusted depending on the amount of sand to brush away.

The product is represented in North America by Emrex Inc.

Millcreek Introduces Fast Topdreser

Millcreek Mfg. Co.'s Model 4800 is a high-capacity topdreser and spreader for applying sand, peat and compost topdressing, as well as other organic materials on sports fields and large turf areas. The machine has a 4-cubic-yard capacity and a 10,000 lb. payload. The spreading pattern can be adjusted from 3 to 10 inches wide. Operating at peak capacity, the 4800 can apply 4 cubic yards of material in less than 10 minutes.

The unit features a PowerBrush spreading mechanism. The 22-inch diameter PowerBrush breaks up any clumps in material.

Model 4800 comes with heavy-duty flotation turf tires, a no-rust, no-rot floor and a swivel hitch for maneuvering. It is PTO operated and requires a 50-hp tractor.

Millcreek Mfg. Co.

Turfco Aerator Tracks Wide

Turfco Mfg.'s Pro Series Aerator is a 26-inch-wide aerator with eight rows of tines, sealed bearings, solid steel axles, covered chain, box frame, self-aligning bearings and separate throttle and clutch controls. Its wide stance offers hillside stability. The unit has a dense aeration pattern.

Turfco Mfg. Co.

Kromer Levels Infield Ridges

Kromer Co.'s attachment to its Athletic Field Maintainer (AFM) removes the ridge of infield material hidden in grass around skinned areas of ball diamonds. The ridge is formed by incorrect infield maintenance. The Kromer attachment is a rotary, hydraulic-driven, nylon-bristled broom that spreads this ridge to the infield, where it is leveled by the broom attached to the AFM vehicle.

Kromer Co.

Excel Cuts 12-Foot Swath

Excel Industries' Hustler Range Wing can mow a 12-foot swath in a single pass. The unit:

- has zero-degree turning maneuverability;
- can be attached to either diesel or gasoline-powered Hustler 4000 Series tractors;
- offers rear-discharge in hydraulic or mechanical drive, both of which can be hydraulically raised or lowered.

Excel Industries Inc.

Topdreser Scoops & Spreads

Earth & Turf's Scoop & Spread topdreser:

- includes a hopper that tilts backward hydraulically;
- has a 15-cubic-foot hopper constructed of welded 10 and 12 gauge steel;
- is lifted and lowered by a category I three-point hitch;
- has a 51-inch spread pattern;
- can spread dry, “flowable” material on athletic fields and golf courses.

To load, the hopper is rolled back by two standard 2-by-12 hydraulic cylinders. After loading, the hopper is
Huskie HD

Haul Master's Huskie HD offers:
• 1,000 lb. dump box;
• short turning radius (11.5 feet);
• four-cycle, air cooled 16-hp Briggs & Stratton engine;
• transaxle drive and differential lock;
• rack and pinion steering with adjustable tie rods and A-frames.

The front suspension features fully independent coil springs over heavy-duty hydraulic shock absorbers. The unit has a wheel tread of 36 inches in the front and 37.5 inches in the rear.

Optional features include front carrier, snow blade, canopy, hydraulic front disc brakes, turning signals and bedliner.

Haul Master Inc.
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MAC Insecticide Controls Soil Pests

MACH 2, a turf insecticide developed by RohMid (a joint venture between American Cyanamid Co. and Rohm and Haas Co.), was recently registered by the U.S. EPA for use in controlling grubs and other soil-borne pests in turf. The insecticide belongs to a chemical class of molt-accelerating compounds (MACs), which interfere with the normal molting processes of targeted pests.

The product controls a variety of grubs and caterpillars, including Japanese beetles, green June beetles, oriental beetles, black turfgrass ataenius, European chafer, northern and southern masked chafer, cutworms, sod webworms and armyworms.

The product will be available on a limited basis for the 1998 application season.

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