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STMA Conference Wrap-up

Founders Awards

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) issued Awards of special recognition during its 14th Annual Conference and Exhibition held January 15-19, in San Antonio. STMA's four Founders Awards are issued in the names of STMA Founders Dick Ericson, George Toma, Dr. William H. Daniel, and Harry Gill, and are the highest awards issued by the association.

The 2002 Dick Ericson Award was presented to Eric Adkins, CSFM, Athletic Turf Manager for Michigan State University, East Lansing.

The recipient of the 2002 George Toma Golden Rake Award was Jesse Cuevas, Stadium Superintendent for Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium, Omaha, NE.

The recipient of the 2002 Dr. William H. Daniel Award was David M. Gilstrap, coordinator of the 2-year program in Sports and Commercial Turf Management at Michigan State University's Institute of Agricultural Technology in East Lansing.

The recipient of the 2002 Harry C. Gill Memorial Award was Ross Kurcab, CSFM, Turf Manager for Invesco Field at Mile High, Denver.

President's Awards

The STMA President's Awards recognize an individual's commitment and dedication to the goals and objectives of the Association. During the Awards Banquet, two President's Awards were presented.

The first recipient was Mr. Tom Curran, Grounds Supervisor for the City of Pompano Beach, FL. The Award was inscribed, "To Tom Curran in grateful recognition for your continued dedication and commitment to the Sports Turf Managers Association."

The second recipient was Ms. Lynda Wightman, National Specifications Manager for Hunter Industries. The Award was inscribed, "To Lynda Wightman in grateful recognition for your continued

dedication and commitment to STMA's Growth and Mission."

Board of Directors

The STMA announced its 2003 officers and board of directors at the annual meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Conference in San Antonio.

Moving from President Elect into the position of President was Bob Campbell, CSFM*, Director of Grounds and Maintenance for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. Elected to 1-year officer positions were: Mike Trigg, CSFM, Superintendent of Parks for the Waukegan Park District, Waukegan, IL, who will serve as President Elect, and Mike Andresen, CSFM, Athletic Turf Manager for Iowa State University, Ames, IA, who will serve as Secretary.

Re-elected to their second 1-year terms were: Monty Montague, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for GreenOne Industries, Inc., Zionsville, IN - Vice President (Commercial), and Tim Moore, CSFM, Sports Field Director for The Brickman Group, Ltd., Columbia, MD - Treasurer.

Elected to 2-year board positions were: Abby McNeal, CSFM, Assistant Turfgrass Manager for INVESCO Field at Mile High, Denver, CO, who will serve as director representing sports turf managers of facilities used by

Professional teams, and George C. Trivett, CSFM, Athletic Director and Teacher for Granite Falls Middle School, Granite Falls, NC, who will serve as director representing sports turf managers of other school facilities. Re-elected to a 2-year board position was: Vickie Wallace, Northeast/Technical Agronomist for Turf-Seed, Inc., Exeter, RI, director representing Commercial members.

Continuing on the Board in the second year of their 2-year director positions are: Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, Facilities and Maintenance Director for Sylvania Recreation Corporation, Sylvania, OH, representing sports turf managers of Parks and Recreation facilities and Dr. Tony Koski,



Extension Turfgrass Specialist and Professor for Colorado State University, Fort Collins, representing those in Research, Extension and Teaching positions.

Eric Adkins, CSFM, Athletic Turf Manager for Michigan State University, East Lansing, was appointed by President Campbell to fill the remaining year of the 2-year term representing sports turf managers of College & University facilities which was vacated when Andresen was elected as Secretary.

Murray Cook, President of SPORTSTurf Services, Columbia, MD, will serve in the Board position of Immediate Past President.

STMA is a not-for-profit international association of more than 2,700 sports turf professionals from schools, colleges and universities, parks and recreation and municipal facilities, and professional stadiums; from educational institutions and from commercial affiliates who unite in promoting better and safer sports turf areas. The association and its affiliated chapters collect and disseminate scientific, educational and practical knowledge on the science of growing turfgrasses and the art of maintaining both natural and artificial athletic field materials to produce safe and aesthetically pleasing playing surfaces.

For more information on STMA and its goals and objectives, please contact STMA Executive Director Steve Trusty at 712-322-STMA or 800-323-3875, fax 712-366-9119, or e-mail STMAHQ@stomhcoxmail.com. Visit STMA's website at: www.sportsturfmanager.com.

Commercial recognition

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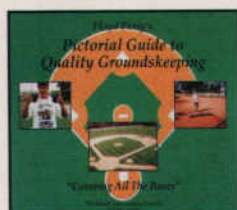


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STMA 2003 Conference Big as the Heart of Texas

WOW! That's the report on the STMA 14th Annual Conference & Exhibition in San Antonio this past January. The turnout was great. Preliminary review of attendees' comments indicates that this again was the best STMA Conference ever. Attendees' comments on the evaluations turned in on-site included: "The conference was incredible." "Great Conference; great speakers!" "Excellent program, the best ever for STMA!" "Excellent educational sessions!" "Extremely informative and well presented." "Very useful, down-to-earth ideas."

Many attendees commented that there were so many great talks that they couldn't make it to all of them. What a great problem to have: too much good and useful information!

Kudos to the North and South Texas Chapter members who extended such wonderful, warm hospitality that attendees continue to rave about it.

The tours were terrific. These optional activities give the participants a chance to visit other facilities and get the low down on the maintenance programs and unique challenges directly from the sports turf managers who deal with them. It's an up-close look at the layout of the stadium or ballpark or practice fields and the field conditions while hearing the details of what happens when and why. There's an opportunity to ask questions about field use schedules, types of turf, products used. Those on the Sunday tour not only saw some great fields but also had the opportunity to see Turfgrass America's sod farm and harvesting operations, which was a real treat.

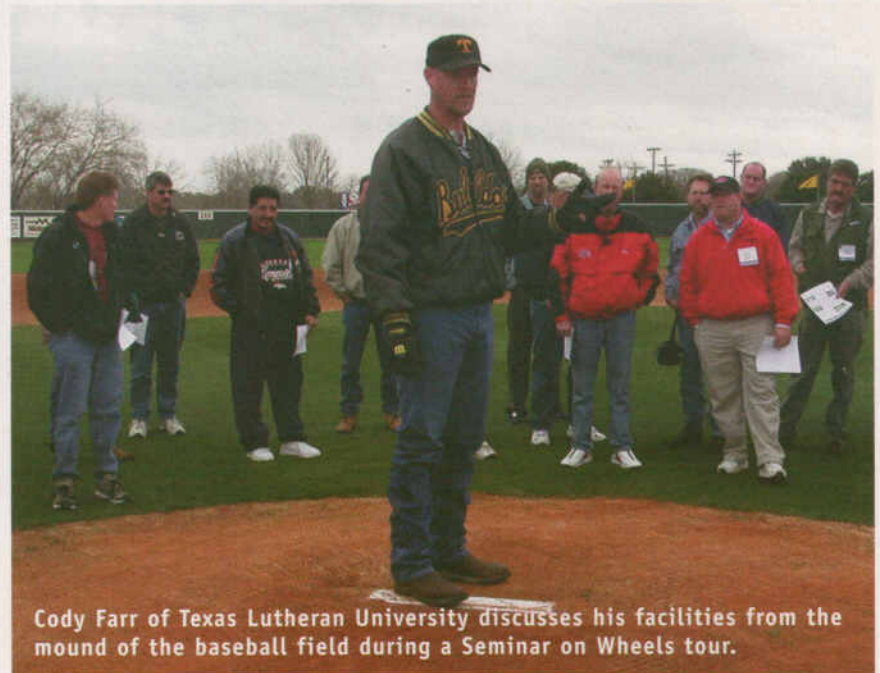
The MLB Seminar was super. Sports turf managers from the Detroit Tigers, Seattle Mariners, Los Angeles Dodgers, Boston Red Sox, and Pittsburgh Pirates were set up at various stations around Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium demonstrating their baseball field maintenance techniques. The attendees broke into groups to rotate through all the stations so everyone had the opportunity to take part in interactive discussion with all the presenters.

The Textron-sponsored SAFE golf tournament was a great fundraiser for the Foundation and the golfers had a wonderful time tackling the challenges of The Quarry.

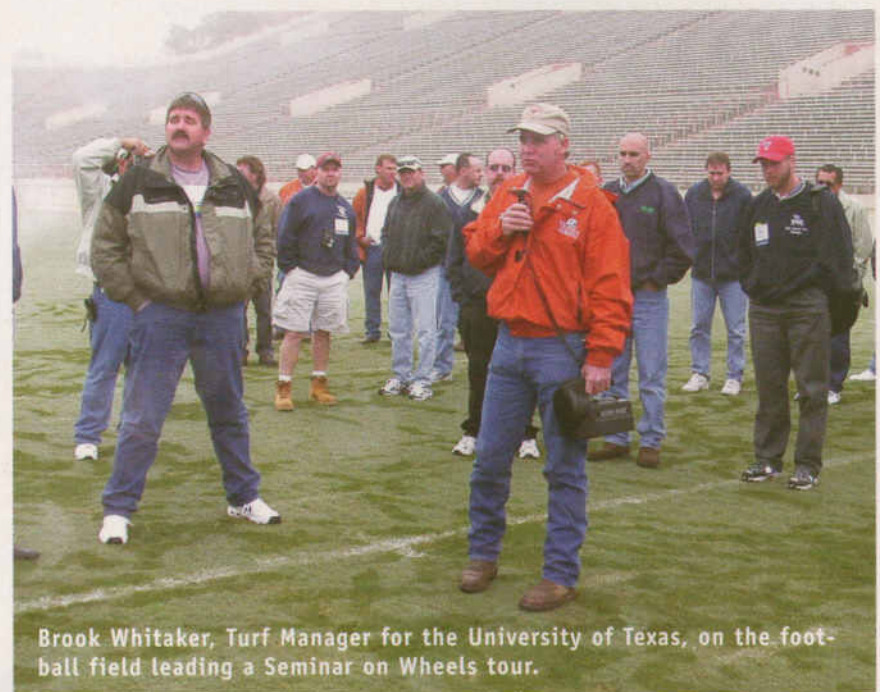
The Trade Show had a record number of Exhibitors and Exhibitor personnel. From the many conversations with Exhibitors on the Trade Show floor the comments were nearly unanimous with reports of "excellent traffic" and "very worthwhile show." From the attendee standpoint, there's no better place for sports turf managers to see and hear about the newest, best and most effective products and techniques.

The opportunity to talk with other sports turf managers is often the highlight of the Conference. Many attendees have noted they really appreciate the Jam Sessions that kick off that networking experience. These interactive gatherings bring together the sports turf managers most likely to have similar responsibilities at similar facilities at the very beginning of the Conference, all just before the Welcome Reception. That gives attendees the chance to make connections in the Jam Session and throughout the week.

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For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 888-824-9805 or 419-824-9805 or Boyd Montgomery at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's website at www.ostma.org.

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Chapter Officers and Board Members for 2003 are: President - Loren Humphrey; President-Elect - Dan Bergstrom; Treasurer - Doug Moore; Secretary - Steve Ferguson; Commercial Vice-President - Steve McGowan; Past-President - Gregg Bostelman; and Board Members: Lyle Nelson, Glen Hinkle, Chuck Ford, Ken Roth, and Dale Tedder.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call Loren Humphrey at: 402-461-2324 or email to lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org.

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