

First-ever Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant Presented by SAFE

Eddie Atherton of the City of Owensboro, KY has received the first Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant, awarded by The SAFE Foundation, STMA's philanthropic arm. This \$1,000 grant is funded through a generous donation from Turface Athletics.

The grant funded a portion of the Atherton's attendance at the STMA Conference last month, where he was recognized at the association's annual Awards Banquet. In addition to the cash grant, SAFE funded a free conference registration.

The grant is named in honor of the late Terry Mellor, the brother of Red Sox Director of Grounds David Mellor, who died at the age of 43. He was very involved in his community and was named volunteer of the year for the state of Wisconsin for the Special Olympics. He was a strong supporter of continuing education and this grant honors his passion.

The STMA scholarship Committee, who judges the SAFE Scholarship winners each year, selected Atherton based on a letter of recommendation. The letter was sent in by Marcus Dean, CSFM, from the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Chapter's President, who cited Atherton's "dedication, efficiency and attitude," in his letter.

This grant will be offered again for the 2011 STMA Conference in Austin, TX. Please keep an eye out for the nomination form and more information by mid-2010. ■

New Membership Pins

At the STMA recent conference, STMA unveiled its Membership Pin Program and distributed membership pins to recognize those members who have supported STMA for 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years and 25 years. If your years of support are in between, i.e. 8 years, you will receive the 5-year pin. Pins will be mailed in February to those who were unable to attend the conference. Thank you for your continued support of STMA. We sincerely appreciate it! ■



Celebrating 8 years of membership!

THANK YOU to these members who joined STMA in 2002. We appreciate your continued support of STMA, and look forward to your continued membership with us!

Ron Adams	Joel Eaton	Greg Johnson	Carlos Moncada	Dale Sellner
Mike Albino	Greg Engle	Justin Johnson	David Mooney	Ryan Sherwood
Dave Anderson	Jess Evans	Pierce Key	Eddie Moore	Phil Shirk
Whitey Anderson	Eric Ferland	Erin Kiney	Kevin Moore	Blake Siler
Mark Bachmann	Jim Fox	Josh Klute	Marc Moran	Jimmy Simpson, CSFM
Gary Ballingham	Ian Fulp	Jon Knutson	Rick Mucciaccio	Joseph Sirgany
Ron Barendt	Thomas Garner	Tim Koch	Steven Mulholland	Kim Spearman
Mark Berry	Steve Gnall	James Koontz, Jr.	James Murphy, Ph.D.	Joey Stevenson
Pat Berger, CGCS	Andrew Gossel	Joe Kovolyan	Eric Nelson	Andrew St. Julian
Karsten Blackwelder	Mark Grigg	Mark Kreikemeier	Tony Newton	Bruce Suddeth
Rick Bold, CSFM	Robert Harding	Bill Lamont	Nat Nuovo	Paul Syracuse
TJ Brewer	Mark Hall	Carl Larson	Rich O'Hara	Emory Thomas
George Brothers	Mike Hebrard	Frank Lasasso	Wayne Oliver	Todd Tribble
Mark Brown	Bo Henley	T.J. Lawson	Sam Paradowski	Walter Tucker
Scott Burt	Thomas Hertzell	Timothy Legare, CSFM	Rick Perruzzi, CSFM	Joseph Vocke
Chris Casper	Donald Hester	Leo Liebert	David Pinsonneault, CSFM,	Clint Waltz, Ph.D.
Eddie Chittom	Al Hicks	Allen Lowrey	CPRP	Jack Warner
Bob Christofferson	Blake Hoerr	Jean Lucero	Shawn Ray	Michael Weddle
Webb Cook	Fred Hoge	Christopher Matlock	Bart Richards	Chad Wheeler
Sean Connell	Andrew Hoiberg	Nick McKenna	Byron Riesen	Tim Wilson
Ken Curry	Christopher Hostenstein	Christopher McNairy	Debbie Robinson	Cory Wisinski
Marty Curtis	Ron Hostick, CSFM	Cheryl Miller	Sun Roesslein	Paul Young ■
Mike Davis	Mark Janz	David Millet, Jr.	Casey Scheidel	
James Dobmeier	Michael Johanson	Paul Miskimen	Andy Sears	

2009 SAFE Scholarship Winners

Graduate Scholarships

Dr. James Watson Graduate Scholarship - \$2,500	Andrew Hoiberg, Iowa State
---	----------------------------

Four Year Scholarships

Dr. James Watson Undergraduate Scholarship - \$2,500	Brian McDougal, Michigan State
SAFE Undergraduate Scholarship - \$2,000	Kyley Dickson, Tennessee
SAFE Undergraduate Scholarship - \$1,000	Kent Dickerson, Georgia, Eric Haub, Purdue, Zack Severns, Washington State

Two Year Scholarships

Dr. Fred Grau Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500	Ryan McGillivray, Massachusetts
SAFE Two Year Scholarship - \$1,000	Patrick Escalera, Mt. San Antonio College

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE) was created to provide research, educational programs, and scholarships geared to sports field specific endeavors. The level of scholarship funding has steadily increased since the scholarship programs inception in 1999 and in 2009 we awarded \$12,500 to eight recipients in two-year, four-year, and graduate level categories. Since the scholarship program's beginning, SAFE has awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarship and travel to the STMA Conference and Exhibition.

Judging criteria: A panel of eight judges independently scored each entry based on each student's academic preparation, experi-

ence in the sports turf management industry, professional goals, extracurricular activities, and input from academic advisors and employers. Each student also wrote an essay describing his or her background and career aspirations.

Scholarship Program Supporters: The TORO Foundation provides generous support for the Dr. James Watson Scholarship winners. Jacobsen supports the SAFE Scholarship Program through the SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament held at the STMA Conference each year. The program is also supported through individual and corporate donations made throughout the year and proceeds from the Live and Silent Auctions and raffle held

each year on the STMA Trade Show Floor. These sponsors fund a stipend for each recipient to attend the STMA annual conference (including lodging) and a scholarship ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Recognition: Scholarship recipients had their financial aid mailed directly to their university, with a check made out jointly to them and their schools financial aid office. The students were recognized during the Annual STMA Awards Banquet at the 21st Annual STMA Conference and Exhibition held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center in Lake Buena Vista, FL. ■

STMA recognizes STA as first International Affiliate Organization

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) is very pleased to announce that it is recognizing its first International Affiliate Organization, the Sports Turf Association (STA) headquartered in Guelph, ON, Canada. The STA was formed in 1987 to promote better, safer sports turf through innovation, education and professional programs. STA and STMA will collaborate and share information and educational resources.

To be an International Affiliate, the organization must be recognized as a business entity in their country and provide proof to STMA

annually; develop bylaws or other governing documents; and have a governing Board of Directors. The STA meets these requirements and officially became an STMA International Affiliate Organization last November.

In addition to sharing information and resources, STMA will list the STA on its website as an International Affiliate Organization, provide one membership annually to the President of the STA, and will offer to the membership of the STA conference registration and education and training resources at STMA member rates.

Outgoing STMA President Abby McNeal,

CSFM was enthusiastic about the new partnership. "Officially establishing a relationship with the STA will help to connect our memberships and allow us to collaborate on issues common across the profession," said McNeal. "Our Board of Directors has much respect for the work of the STA, and we know we will learn from them."

Gord Dol, STA President, concurred. "We believe that this is an important step forward in establishing an information conduit for organizations around the world to share research, knowledge, and experience for the advancement of everyone involved in the sports turf industry." ■

STMA Affiliated Chapters Contact Information

Special Notes: The Chesapeake Chapter is re-establishing as the Mid Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization. The forming Central Florida Chapter has secured 43 signatures for its official documentation to become an affiliated chapter.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona: www.azstma.com.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization – MAFMO Chapter STMA): www.cststma.org. * See note above

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: www.cstma.org.

Florida #1 Chapter: 954/782-2748

Florida #2 Chapter: 850/580-4026.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: www.gatewaystma.org.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association: www.gstma.org.

The Greater L.A. Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: www.stmalabasin.com.

Illinois Chapter STMA: 847/263-7603.

Intermountain Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: www.imstma.org.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: www.iowaturfgrass.org.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Org. (KAFMO/STMA): www.kafmo.org.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association: www.kystma.org.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): www.mistma.org.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: www.mstma.com.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: www.mokanstma.com.

New England STMA (NESTMA): www.nestma.org.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: 402/441-4425.

North Carolina Chapter of STMA: www.ncsportsturf.org.

Northern California STMA: www.norcalstma.org.

Ozarks STMA: www.ozarksstma.org.

Sports Turf Managers of New York: www.stmony.org.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: www.sfmnj.org.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): www.ostma.org.

Oregon STMA Chapter: 503/953-9406

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: www.pnwstma.org.

Southern California Chapter: www.socialstma.com.

South Carolina Chapter of STMA: www.scstma.org.

Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: 866/897-8621.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): www.tvstma.com.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: www.vstma.org.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: www.wstma.org.

Forming Chapters:

Central Florida: Contact George Lawson, 863-665-5800 (See note above)

Gulf Coast Chapter: 225/757-9136.

Nevada STMA Chapter: 702/884-2987.

Chapter Sponsors



JOHN DEERE



stabilizer
SOLUTIONS

syngenta

Hunter®
The Irrigation Innovators



Maximize your positive press from your feature in

SportsTurf

Reprints

Maximize the marketing power of your feature.

Eprint

Give your feature a presence on the World Wide Web.

Custom Plaques

Showcase your great press in a public area for all to admire.

For custom reprints contact us today!

Call 866.879.9144 x131 or email us at reprints@m2media360.com



Now offering short-run reprints! Order 100 copies or less.



TOP DRESSER



Model 3065

See Web Video – 6 Tons/min

THATCH MASTER



Manufactured by TurfTime Equipment LLC

www.TurfTimeEq.com
800-201-1031

**Supreme-Green™
Turf Growth Cover**

Supreme-Green is a multi-purpose turf growth cover made of a specially designed material to provide early green-up, accelerated germination and winter protection. The Supreme-Green cover encourages root development and rapid growth while extending your spring and fall seasons.

Supreme-Green turf growth cover is specifically engineered to promote earlier openings by 2 -3 weeks.

- Reduces seed loss
- Promotes earlier root establishment
- Accelerates Germination
- Reduces frost and ice-damage
- Porous to allow water and air circulation
- Mildew and rot resistant
- Quick turf repairs



Covered

Uncovered

Specifications:

- Made of tough woven non-coated polyethylene material
- UV treated for long life
- Green tint for best heat build-up
- One piece construction
- Comes complete with anchor pegs and storage bag

279 Humberline Dr. Etobicoke, Ontario M9W 5T6

Phone: 1-800-837-8961



Fax: (416) 798-1342

E-mail: sales@coverttechfab.com

Website: www.coverttechfab.com

**BEAM CLAY®
INFIELDS!**



Beam Clay® has supplied products to every Major League Baseball Team and over 150 Minor League Teams, more than 700 colleges and thousands of towns and schools from all 50 states and worldwide. Beam Clay® supplies special mixes for infields, pitcher's mounds, home plate areas, red warning tracks, infield conditioners, drying agents, plus over 200 other infield products, including regional infield mixes blended for every state and climate from bulk plants nationwide!

BEAM CLAY®

800-247-BEAM (2326)

WWW.BEAMCLAY.COM

Infield Drag

Restore & Maintain Infields quickly & easily!
Keep infields level, groomed and in safe playing condition. **Level, Smoothen, Mix and Break Up Infields.** Cuts off high spots, mixes material, and fills in low areas. Also breaks up compacted surfaces. Manual or electric lift available. Easily adjusts to different towing machines. No need for 3-pt. hitch or hydraulics.

Your own personal Grounds Crew in One Machine!™

www.Infield-Drag.com



Control weeds, deter water puddling, and Save Labor!

PR72 Pro Groomer™

Available with Manual (shown) or Electric Lift

www.Infield-Drag.com

Heying Co. 515 6th Ave. Alton, IA 51003

Ph. (712) 756-8847



SportsTurf
Your Digital issue is Here!

With digital editions, you get the same in-depth articles PLUS interactive features that let you experience your issue in a whole new way.



- PAGE-FOR-PAGE REPLICAS OF THE PRINT ISSUES
- E-MAIL NOTIFICATION WHEN EACH ISSUE IS READY
- RECEIVE YOUR ISSUE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO MAILED ISSUES
- READ CONTENT INSTANTLY —NO DOWNLOADING REQUIRED
- HOTLINK TO ADVERTISER WEB SITES
- IT'S FREE... AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Go Digital! Subscribe Now!

Please fill out this form in its entirety

Yes, please start/continue my FREE subscription to Sportsturf

FOR FASTER SERVICE visit our web site at <http://www.submag.com/sub/ta> or fax to 847-763-9569

No, thank you.

Which version would you like to receive?

Print Print/Digital

Signature: (required) _____ Date: _____

Name: (please print) _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: (required) _____

February 2010 - Expires July 2010 - RS1002

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

5 Please also send a free subscription to the following people at the same location

Name _____ Title _____
 Name _____ Title _____

SportsTurf ADVERTISERS' INDEX

Advertiser	Page #	Web Address
Ariens Company	.31	www.ariens.com
Barenbrug USA	.48	www.barusa.com
Barkshire Laser Leveling, Inc.	.25	www.barkshireleveling.com
Beacon Athletics	.25	www.beaconathletics.com
Beam Clay	.44	www.beamclay.com
Converted Organics	.15	www.convertedorganics.com
Colorbiotics	.47	www.colorbiotics.com
Covermaster	.17	www.covermaster.com
Cover Sports USA	.31	www.coversports.com
Coverttech	.44	www.coverttechfab.com
Diamond Pro	.21	www.diamondpro.com
Game Time Sports Systems	.33	www.gtathletics.net
GreensGroomer	.9	www.greensgroomer.com
Heying Company	.44	www.infield-drag.com
Hydraway Drainage	.11	www.hydraway.net
John Deere	.5	www.johndeere.com
Kocheck Company	.29	www.kocheck.com
Kromer Company	.2	www.kromer-afm.com
Oil Dri Corporation	.22	www.oildri.com
Pioneer Athletics	.19	www.pioneerathletics.com
Southern Athletic Fields	.32	www.mulemix.com
Sports Turf Managers Association	.35	www.stma.org
Synthetic Surfaces	.13	www.nordot.com
TifSport Growers Association	.27	www.tifsport.com
TurfTime Equipment	.44	www.turftimeeq.com
West Coast Turf	.3	www.westcoastturf.com

Cut Here



WANT TO REACH QUALIFIED BUYERS?

- TARGETED LEADS
- SUPERIOR PENETRATION
- PROVEN VALUE
- OUTSTANDING RESULTS

Then rent our list of targeted, qualified readers for your next direct mail promotion.

Call today for more information regarding our product lines and extensive database marketing programs.



Cheryl Naughton
 cnaughton@m2media360.com
 678-292-6054
 Fax: 360-294-6054

Q&A



BY DR. DAVID MINNER

Professor, Iowa State University

Questions?

Send them to
David Minner at
Iowa State University, 106
Horticulture Hall,
Ames, IA 50011
or email
dminner@iastate.edu.

Or, send your
question to
Grady Miller at
North Carolina State University,
Box 7620, Raleigh, NC
27695-7620, or email
grady_miller@ncsu.edu.

Are you asking the right question?

The questions we ask, not the answers we seek, often show us the way. We focus on a specific aspect of sports turf management until a task is completed or a problem is solved. We are driven and that is good.

For me it is the high traffic sections of fields that get worn to dust. I make it a goal to hit every traffic-related talk at the STMA National Conference and there were several good ones last month. But I also noticed a profound change that shows the awareness and growth of STMA. The general public is beginning to recognize the sports turf manager as a dedicated professional that honestly cares about the players who compete on their fields. But what they don't realize is that many sports turf managers also have a real affinity for preserving and protecting the land we live and play upon.

Kevin Trotta (turfipmguy@aol.com), Mary Owen (mowen@umext.umass.edu), Kevin Mercer (ksmerc@smcm.edu), and Roger Miller (rmiller@blackhawk.edu) gave excellent presentations on sustainable and eco-friendly practices that sports turf managers can implement at their facilities. A first step for many may need to be backward. Look away from the fields and toward everything you do off the field for a moment. You may be the steward of a considerable piece of property that requires many resources and accumulates much waste. How would today's society grade your environmental report card?

Many sport facilities contain considerable acreage that is not specifically used for traditional sports. Does the water that flows onto your property leave cleaner than it arrived? Where do all those drains go and what is in them? Are you the steward of the water while it is on your property? Are bioswales, containment areas, and roof/rain gardens part of your water management plan?

We know all about the cleats that trample our field but do we know anything about the carbon foot print we leave on the earth? Before stepping from the shop to the grass you can reduce your carbon foot print by recycling. Here is a great publication from our friends in the

golf industry to get you started: "Golf Course Pollution Prevention Guide"

(<http://www.iwrc.org/downloads/pdf/golfcourse04.pdf>).

Many of our fields require intense maintenance for their intended use: to sustain a safe playing surface. Let's take mowing for example. Mowing increases our carbon foot print because it requires fuel and creates carbon emissions. Do double-cutting and mowing intricate patterns unnecessarily increase the carbon foot print? This is offered as an example, not a judgment. Asking the right question shows that you are beginning to understand the role sports turf can play in a sustainable society.

Another great organization to partner with is the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. There are more than 500 golf courses certified in this program but only a few athletic facilities. I know this program and it is a perfect fit for many athletic facilities across the country. The program includes: site assessment and environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, water, resource management, and certification. Upon certification in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, you and your facility will be immediately recognized for your stewardship within the community and that is a good thing for the sports turf industry. Contact Jim Sluiter, 518-767-9076 or jsluiter@auduboninternational.org or check out the website to get started (<http://acsp.auduboninternational.org/>).

The four work horses listed above are certainly leading the way toward sustainable sports fields and I want to give a special shout out to STMA member Kevin Mercer and his Saint Mary's College of Maryland team for becoming a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary (see July 2009 *SportsTurf* p. 24). Kevin's facility is about 70 miles from where I grew up in Seaford, DE. It is nice to know that he is SUSTAINING that precious estuary around the Chesapeake Bay. I'll be back in late summer for some soft shell crabs; a couple 6-inch peelers on white bread will do me just fine, Kevin—and I'm buying. ■





What goes in the turf is as important as what happens on it.

If you're installing synthetic turf, don't settle for anything but the best — ask for CushionFall® Sport for your infill.

Vibrant — CushionFall Sport delivers a bright and colorful appearance all season, every season, and is ideal for sporting events televised in HD.

Durable — With its UV resistance, CushionFall Sport helps rubber fields retain flexibility and elasticity, with minimized static cling effect.

Safer — CushionFall Sport is eco-friendly and takes safety further by encapsulating the recycled rubber crumb infill and reducing dangerous volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and heavy metal run-off.

The turf is always greener on the CushionFall Sport side.

CushionFall® Sport

www.CushionFallSport.com