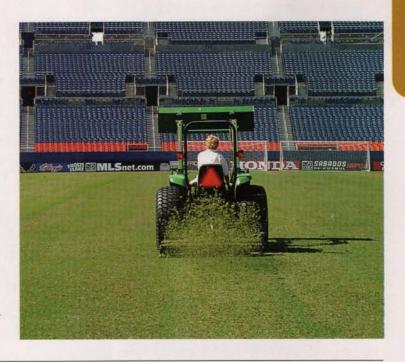
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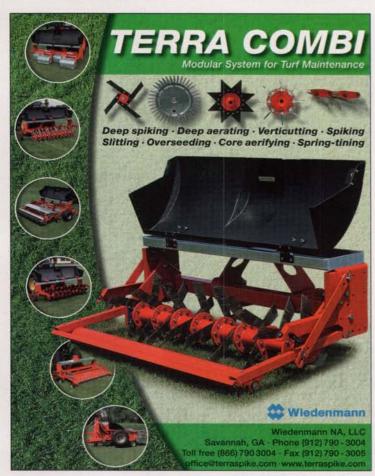
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Quite honestly, I don't know how we would combat some of our most common problems without a verticutter. It truly is an unsung hero on our crew (we just run it!).

Andrew Hoiberg is assistant turf manager at INVESCO Field at Mile High in Denver. He can be reached at Andrew. Hoiberg@broncos.nfl.net.







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# Important deadlines approaching

ctober 1, Student Scholarship applications are due. The SAFE Foundation, the charitable arm of STMA, has allocated \$12,500 for scholarship awards for the 2007 school year. Each scholarship award is a minimum \$1,000 and each winner will receive a complimentary conference registration and a travel stipend.

Students who are eligible for the SAFE Scholarships:

- \* Will be enrolled in a 2-year, 4-year, or graduate program in a major/field related to sports turf management
  - \* Must have at least one semester of study left
- \* Must be planning a career in the sports turf management industry, either in the field or in research
  - \* Must be an STMA member
- \* Previous undergraduate recipients may not reapply for SAFE Scholarships while still an undergraduate

To apply, fill out the short application form in the "Professionalism" tab at www.sportsturfmanager.org . Be sure to also include:

- \* A Biographical essay
- \* A completed Employer Reference Form
- \* A completed Faculty Advisor Form
- \* A copy of your transcript

The application must be received by October 1.

# October 16, Field of the Year submittals & Founders Award nominations are due.

STMA awards its highest honors, the Founders Awards, and recognizes its Field of the Year winners during the Awards Banquet at the annual conference. Be a part of these prestigious awards by submitting your field and nominating a worthy candidate. Both are due October 16.

The Founders Awards are named after the four founders of STMA: Harry Gill, George Toma, Dick Ericson, and Dr. William H. Daniel. The awards recognize the unique contributions each Founder made to the sports turf industry. To nominate a candidate, go to the Founders Awards Application at www.sportsturfmanager.org. Click on the Professionalism tab, then on STMA Founders Awards. Or, fill out the application in the June issue (page 40) of *SportsTurf*.

A Field of the Year award will bring you recognition from your peers, your employers and the industry. This is an excellent way to showcase your hard work and professionalism. STMA awards the Field of Year for five field types: softball, baseball, football, soccer and Complex of the Year in the categories of Parks/Schools, Fields used by Professional Athletes, and Colleges and Universities. For more information, or to fill out the application, go to www.sportsturfmanager.org. Click on the "Professionalism" tab, then on Field of the Year Awards.

# Trotta is 2006 TOCA Environmental Communicator of the Year

Today's turfgrass manager must always consider the environment when making management decisions, said STMA member and Turfgrass IPM Specialist Kevin J. Trotta, recipient of the 2006 Turf & Ornamental Communicator's Association (TOCA) Environmental Communicator of the Year award. If the turf industry wants to be perceived as stewards of the environment, "We must be stewards of the environment," said Trotta, who received the award sponsored by Advan LLC at the TOCA annual meeting in Napa, CA.

The award is given annually to an active green industry member for outstanding efforts in communicating the benefits of environmental stewardship to a particular audience within the turf and ornamental industry.

Trotta, a six-year member of STMA, is an educator, speaker and writer about Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and is an expert in the practical application of those sustainable and environmentally friendly practices in turfgrass management. Trotta began his career in the Green Industry as a lawn and landscape contractor. He also served as an assistant golf course superintendent before becoming head groundskeeper for the North Rockland Central School District in Garnerville, NY in



Left to right: Frank Standfuss, Advan LLC, Kevin Trotta, TOCA Environmental Communicator of the Year, and Kim Heck, CEO of STMA.

# **STMA** in Action

1988. Trotta holds a BS degree in landscape horticulture from the State University of New York and a MA degree in environmental studies from City College of New York.

Martin Petrovic, professor of Turfgrass Science, Cornell University, said Trotta "Practices what he preaches on the North Rockland Schools site. He is extremely knowledgeable and up to date on all the IPM practices that can be used and uses them." Petrovic also said, "Having a good message is part of being a good communicator, but being able to deliver the goods is just as important. Kevin's talks are funny, entertaining, and full of useful information that one can and should use. He takes complex concepts and makes them easy to understand, while giving them practical easy-to-use information. . . In short, he is a superb communicator with environmental protection and action in the forefront."

Kim Heck, CEO of the Sports Turf Managers Association, nominated Trotta for the award, because he is an ambassador for environmental stewardship in the green industry. "His passion for protecting the environment and providing safe and beautiful sports fields for athletes and fans has gained him recognition as a leader in integrated pest management. It is his personal mission to share his knowledge, experience and research with others through presentations, articles and community outreach."

TOCA is a national association of editors, writers, publishers, public relations/advertising practitioners and others involved in Green Industry communications.



CEO Kim Heck spoke on behalf of Project Evergreen at a news conference last July in Lawrence, KS. Project Evergreen partnered with Lawrence Habitat for Humanity to provide the lawn and landscaping for two Habitat houses. Heck (left) and staff members Leah Craig and Nora Dunnaway-McIntire (far right) attended the event with Habitat Executive Director Jean Lilley (next to Heck). STMA is a supporting association of Project Evergreen. In addition to Habitat for Humanity, Project Evergreen has been orchestrating field renovations for youth. STMA has provided assistance in Philadelphia and Raleigh for these renovations.



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# STMA Chapter News

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Association of Arizona: The

AZ STMA will be holding a 1-day seminar Sept. 7, 2006 at the Pera Club in Tempe. More information will be available soon on our website at www.azstma.com. For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Darin Budak, CSFM at dbudak@goodyearaz.gov or call 623/882-7616 or David Oropeza, at e-mail: doropeza@cityofnogalez.net or 520/285-5781.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA

(formerly called Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA): For information on the Chesapeake Chapter, contact Glenn Sweet at glenn\_sweet@ landon.net or call 301/495-5522.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: The

CSTMA Summer Field Day will be August 11, 2006 at Security Field in Colorado Springs. For more information about CSTMA visit our website at www.cstma.org or call the Chapter Hotline at 303/346-8954 or President Dick Buelter at 303/233-2922, or email dbuelter@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Florida #1 Chapter: The FTGA Conference and Show will be September 12-15, 2006 in Bonita Springs, for more information, visit www.ftga.org or call 800/882-6721. For information on the Florida #1 Chapter or upcoming events, visit the Florida #1 Chapter page on STMA's website or contact John Mascaro at 954/341-3115 or STMA@turf-tec.com.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: August 9 is the Multi-field Maintenance Field Day at Lutheran High School South. Lunch is provided by Munie Outdoor Services. We will also have a meeting in September 2006 (date and time tba) at the City of Maryland Heights "Sports-plex Soccer Park." For information on upcoming events or on the Gateway Chapter, contact Mark Vessell, St. Louis Youth Soccer Association at 636/940-7776 or e-mail vessel@ slysa.org or Frank Schaffer, Lutheran High School at 636/940-7776.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Skip Kirby at 770/928-1580 or by e-mail at skip@ sportsturfmanagement.com.

The Greater L.A. Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: For more information on the Chapter or upcoming events call Carol Gundlach, CSFM at 909/594-5611 ext. 5174 or e-mail cgundlach@ mtsac.edu.

Midwest Chapter (formerly Midwest Chapter) STMA: For information on the Illinois Chapter or upcoming events call chapter secretary Libby Baker at 847/263-7603 or e-mail Bake60ft6in@aol.com. Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter or upcoming activities visit www.iowaturfgrass.org or contact Jeff Wendel, CGCS of The Turf Office at 515/232-8222 or fax 515/232-8228 or e-mail Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA): The 6th Annual KAFMO Cup Open

Annual KAFMO Cup Open will be October 16, 2006. There will be a 1:00pm shotgun start. This year it will be at a new location - Iron Valley Golf Club in Lebanon, PA. Visit KAFMO.org for details. For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club at 610/375-8469, ext. 212 or by e-mail to: kafmo@aol.com.

Kentucky Sports Turf
Managers Association: The
2006 KTC Conference and Trade
Show will be October 22-26. It will
be at the Holiday Inn University
Plaza Hotel - Sloan Convention
Center in Bowling Green. For
information on the Chapter or
upcoming events, go to www.kystma.org or contact Tom Nielsen at

502/212-2287 or by email at tnielsen@batsbaseball.com or Aaron Boggs at Aboggs@ batsbaseball.com.

Michigan Sports Turf
Managers Association
(MiSTMA): The Michigan
Turfgrass Foundation, and
Michigan State University are hosting the annual summer field day
August 23. The afternoon tour will
be a sports turf specific bus tour
that will focus on baseball fields
and mowing patterns. For information on the Michigan Chapter, visit
their website at www.mistma.org
or contact Chad Follis at 269/3773340 or 269/381-0596 or by email
at chadfollis@farmngarden.com.

### Minnesota Chapter STMA:

For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, visit the Chapter website at www.mstma.org or contact chapter President Tom Adamini at 952/953-2420 or by e-mail at tadamini@ci.apple-valley.mn.us.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: For

information on the MO-KAN
Chapter or upcoming events, contact Jody Gill at 913/239-4121 or
by e-mail at jgill@bluevalleykl2.org.
New England STMA (NEST-MA): The second annual Maine
Turf Day was held June 14, at the
Wainwright recreation Athletic
Complex in S. Portland, ME. Over
120 participants attended this collaborative effort between the New
England Sports Turf Managers
Association and the New England



Parks Association. Training sessions included talks on Baseball Game Field Prep, Laser Leveling, Repairing High Traffic Areas, Rotodarian Demonstrations, Pesticide Management, and Sprayer/Spreader Calibration. After lunch, round table discussions were held allowing sports field managers to share ideas, concerns, and general conversation with each other. For information on the New England chapter or upcoming events, contact David Pinsonneault at 781/861-2757 or e-mail dpinson@ci.lexington.ma.us or Nick Caggiano at 603/589-3370 or email caggianon@ci.nashua.nh.us.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Nebraska Chapter or upcoming events, contact Jennifer Roeber at 402/441-4425 or by e-mail at jenr@saltdogs.com.

Sports Turf Managers of New York: The STMoNY Chapter is still growing! We are working to get an August meeting at Saratoga Race Course. For information on the New York Chapter or upcoming events, contact Mike Albino at 315/468-6225 or (c) 315/427-1214 or mikealbino@earthlink.net or Kevin Meredith at 607/287-6609 or kimeredith@earthlink.net.

Sports Field Managers
Association of New Jersey:
For information on the New
Jersey Chapter or upcoming

events call SFMANI at 908/730-7770, e-mail HQ@sfmanj.org or visit the Chapter website at www.sfmanj.org.

**Ohio Sports Turf Managers** 

Association (OSTMA): For information on the Ohio Chapter, contact OSTMA headquarters at 614/354-1196 or Ostma@aol.com. You can also visit our new website at www.ostma.org. The new OSTMA address is PO Box 3426 Dublin, OH 43016.

**Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association:** For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Matt Johns at 253/445-4538 or mjjohns@puyallup.wsu.edu.

Southern California Chapter: For info contact Michael Tarantino at 858/679-2526 or MTarantino@powayusd.com.

South Carolina Chapter of STMA: For info contact Bruce Suddeth at 864/503-5514 or bsuddeth@uscupstate.edu or visit www.scstma.org.

**Texas Sports Turf Managers** 

Association: For info contact T. J. Thompson at txturfmanager@1scom.net or 972/670-2138.

**Tennessee Valley Sports Turf** Managers Association (TVSTMA): For info call Al Ray at 931/388-0303 or e-mail ARay@maurycounty-tn.gov.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: For info contact Bob Studholme at 703/324-8590 or robert.studholme@fairfaxcounty.gov.

**Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers** Association: For info contact Chris Brindley at 715/346-3622 or cbrindle@uwsp.edu.

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North Florida STMA Chapter: For info contact Mark Clay at 904/633-6116 or Jay McCord at 904/448-2583.

Idaho STMA: For info contact Greg Liggett at 208/496-2421 or liggettg@byu.i.edu.

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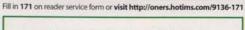
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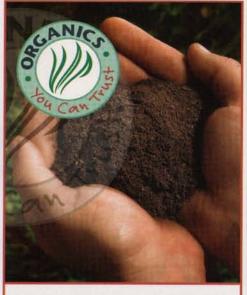
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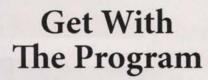
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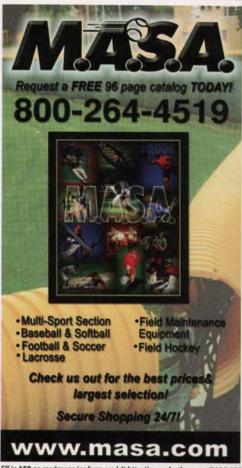
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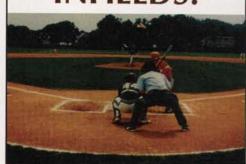
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