

NIAAA members, who are the athletic directors for high schools, junior high schools, and middle schools. As an education partner, STMA offers to NIAAA information and access to local sports field managers who can provide technical knowledge and advice. Each organization shares information and promotes each other's events. STMA exhibits at the NIAAA annual conference, and has provided an instructor to co-teach "Athletic Administration: Athletic Field Management." Several members serve on NIAAA's Sports Turf Advisory Committee.

STMA, its charitable arm The SAFE Foundation, and NIAAA are also partnering to produce a mound-building and home plate maintenance instructional video/DVD. The video will be produced this month and be available to the members of each association.

STMA continues to seek out and develop meaningful partnerships with organizations and associations. These alliances are important on two fronts:

- 1) as organizations share resources and information, opportunities are created for joint projects that enhance both organizations (i.e. the mound building video with the NIAAA)
- 2) greater visibility leads to more influence and recognition for each organization and thus, for each member of the organization.

### How do YOU benefit from partnerships?

The more exposure STMA has with credible, national organizations, the more awareness the profession receives. And, the more visibility for sports turf management, the greater the recognition STMA members receive. Organizations look to STMA members for their expertise in

sports field management. They understand that STMA members stay current with changing technologies and employ environmental stewardship. This establishes STMA members as "the experts" and the result is an increased respect for all sports turf managers. Add this to the good work you do on a daily basis, and the effects can be significant.

STMA also provides education to the National Recreation and Parks Association. We have been a staple at its annual conferences by exhibiting at its trade show and by having members present educational sessions. This year, member Stephen Wightman is presenting "Maximizing Your Ball Fields on Real-World Budgets."

Another partner, Minor League Baseball (MiLB), supports STMA members through its Sports Turf Manager of the Year awards program. The STMA Awards Committee selects the winners, and the STMA president presents the awards to the winners at the Baseball Winter Meetings annual awards banquet. STMA also provides information to each attendee about the benefits of having an STMA member at their baseball facility. This program promotes the importance of and the value minor league teams receive by having a sports field manager.

The American Sports Builders Association (ASBA) has relied on STMA for review of technical information on synthetic surfaces and for educational presentations at its annual conference, as did the International Association of Assembly Managers when it featured two STMA members at its annual conference.

The association has many opportunities to further build important partnerships and will be aggressively advancing this initiative throughout the remainder of this year and in 2007. ■

## John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

### Answer: from page 38

This brown area is a result of a Dave Matthews Band concert held at the University of Colorado's Folsom Field in Boulder, 4 weeks before the first scrimmage game of the 2001. The small brown squares are where the stage footers were on plywood blocks, the larger brown area is the area directly in front to the stage. Even though the area was covered with commercial grade temporary flooring, the damage was still evident. The area was rejuvenated by using a solid tine aerifier four times during the 6-week window. They also used a 2-inch spike roller that also drops seed to create nice holes to put pre-germinated seed into. They seeded eight different times in order to be ready for their first televised game 6 weeks after the concert. They have not had a concert on the field since this event but there are talks about bringing them back again!

*Photo submitted by Jason E. Depaepe, Athletics-Business Affairs at the University of Colorado at Boulder. ■*



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**Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona:** The AZ STMA will be holding a one day seminar on Sept. 7, 2006 at the Pera Club in Tempe, AZ. More information is available on our website at [www.azstma.com](http://www.azstma.com). For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact David Oropeza, by e-mail at [doropeza@cityofnogalez.net](mailto:doropeza@cityofnogalez.net) or 520/285-5781 or Felipe Garcia by e-mail at [fgarcia@ci.flagstaff.az.us](mailto:fgarcia@ci.flagstaff.az.us) or at 520/774-2868.

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**Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association:** For more information

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**Florida #1 Chapter:** The FTGA Conference and Show will be September 12-15, 2006 in Bonita Springs, FL, for more information, visit [www.ftga.org](http://www.ftga.org) or call 800/882-6721. For info visit the Florida #1 Chapter page on STMA's website or contact Tom Curran by e-mail at [ctomsell@aol.com](mailto:ctomsell@aol.com) or at 954/786-4138 or Bud Nolder at 954/797-2560.

**Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association:** We will have a meeting in September 2006 (date and time TBA) at the City of Maryland Heights "Sports-plex Soccer Park". Also, the BMAC Gateway Chapter

Golf Scramble will be held October 18. For info contact Mark Vessel at 636/940-7776 or e-mail [vessel@slysa.org](mailto:vessel@slysa.org) or Frank Schaffer at 636/940-7776.

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**Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA):** The 6th Annual KAFMO Cup Open is Mon., Oct. 16, 2006. It will be held at a new location this year - the Iron Valley Golf Club. There will be a 1:00 pm shotgun start. For more info visit KAFMO.org or contact Dan Douglas at 610/375-8469 ext. 212 or email to [KAFMO@aol.com](mailto:KAFMO@aol.com).

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**New England STMA (NESTMA):** The NESTMA Fall Workshop will be October 12 at Dartmouth College. For info contact David Pinsonneault at 781/861-2757 or e-mail [dpinson@ci.lexington.ma.us](mailto:dpinson@ci.lexington.ma.us) or Nick Caggiano at 603/589-3370 or e-mail [caggianon@ci.nashua.nh.us](mailto:caggianon@ci.nashua.nh.us).

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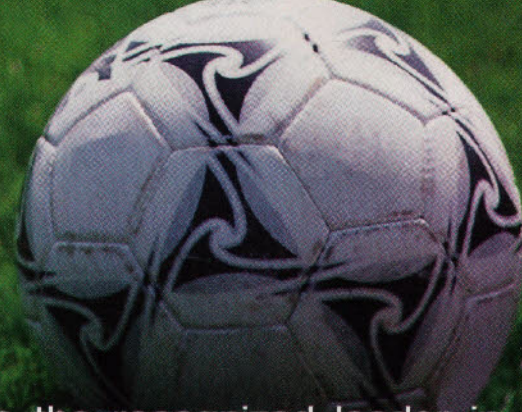
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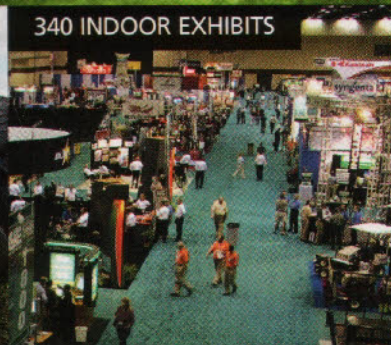
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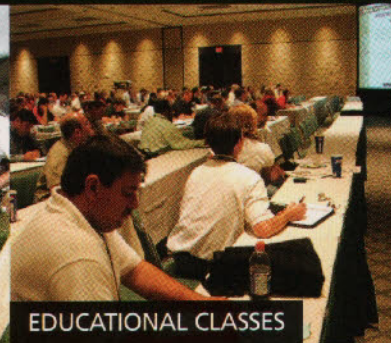


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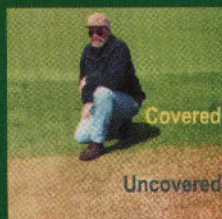
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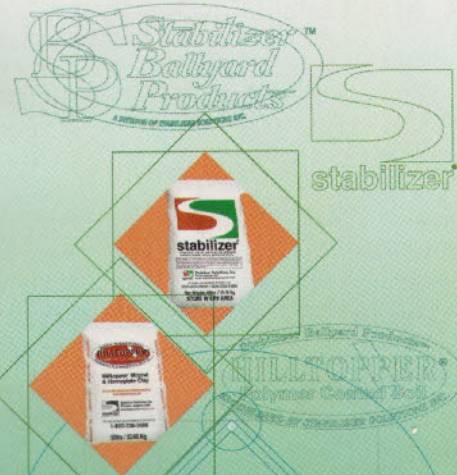
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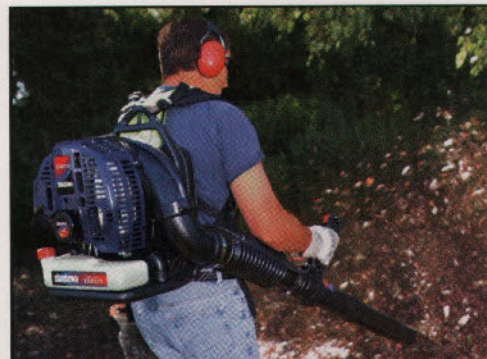
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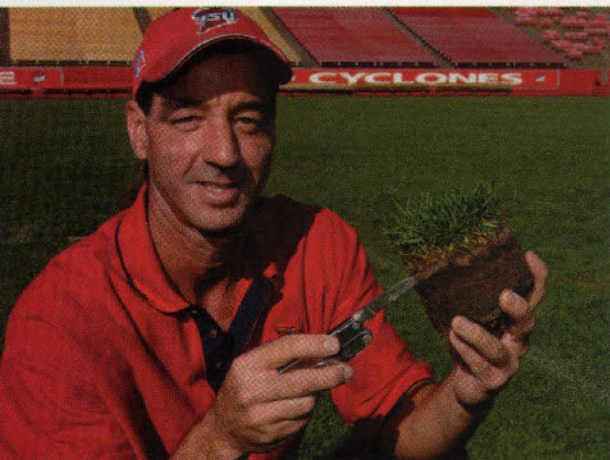
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**L**esson #14: **Develop a safety checklist.** Develop a one- or two-page safety-checklist that is reviewed each year and approved by your boss. Include field areas such as bases, mound, irrigation heads, etc.

Also list non-field areas such as bleachers, fences, dugouts, warning signs, etc. List the priority of each item and indicate those that are dangerous and need immediate attention. Make a column on the checklist for "proposed work completed." Sign and date each item that has been completed and approved. A checklist will document your awareness of problems and that you are taking measures to improve safety of the facility. At first, funding may be directed toward non-field related items, but eventually resources will be required for field maintenance as indicated by the safety checklist.

**Lesson #15: Be an effective communicator.** Managing a sports facility requires coordination among the administrator, coach, band director, and grounds manager. Administrators should keep in mind that proper traffic control costs nothing in terms of dollars and at the same time offers the most effective means of reducing dangerously worn areas on game and practice fields. Understanding your role as a user of the field is a first step in communication.

Coaches must take an active interest in scheduling practice activities and preventing excessive turf wear. The coach and the turf manager can work together to develop improved grass areas specifically for drills that are conducted off the game and practice fields. Really great head coaches usually have really great fields because they treat their sports turf manager as an assistant coach and view him or her as a valued player on the team.

Dan Devine, the great athletic director from Notre Dame, once expressed to me "my job is to instill pride . . . after that human spirit and determination take us the rest

of the way." He certainly understood pride as an emotion but he also knew how to use it as a commodity. The best ADs and coaches understand pride and how to use it to build their team and facility.

Band directors should have a practice field painted on another grass area or in a parking lot. Areas should be situated so that practice can be viewed from above, as if you were in the bleachers. Band practice on the game field should be limited to once per week and only when the soil is dry enough to resist compaction in marching paths. No activity (band, football, or field maintenance) should be conducted on the field while there is frost on the grass.

Grounds managers should realize that they are caring for a multi-use facility rather than just a football field. Every effort should be made to accommodate all groups that have activities on the field. Each group should take responsibility for the condition of the field. Each group can be viewed as a potential resource for funding field maintenance expenses. Extra use requires additional labor, equipment, and resources. Contributions should be requested from the band and athletic booster club. If given the chance the band or athletic booster club may be responsible for assisting with the purchase of a new core aerifier.

Administrators should clearly define conditions for using and not using the field. As much as possible, reserve the field for games only. In addition to field damage, administrators should consider field condition, player safety, and potential liability.

**Lesson #16: Maintaining a cushion of thatch/mat** between the players and the distinct layer of soil below is necessary to develop safe playing conditions on intensely trafficked fields. Fields without an effective layer of thatch/mat are easily compacted and quickly turn to mud because there is no separation between the players and the soil. It sounds simple, but many sports turf managers never inspect their thatch/mat layer and have no strategy to improve this valuable layer of cushion in high-traffic areas of the field. For a more complete understanding of the "Grass Systems Response to Traffic and Recovery" go to <http://turfgrass.hort.iastate.edu/extension/EGtrafficscenario.pdf>. ■