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President's Message

By: Troy McQuillen, Kirkwood Community College



As I write this message, I am sure that many of you have started your spring preparation for your respected sporting events. I am no different with training students in the preparations of both Kirkwood's baseball and softball fields. The experiences are great for students as they leave for their summer internships in the next few weeks.

Keeping with the theme of spring preparations, your ISTMA Board of Directors had their first meeting on March 13. We had fantastic Board attendance and are working on items of: membership, next year's conference education, and updating the association's strategic plan. Board members will be calling upon membership to help with several of the committees to help grow and sustain our organizational goals. I have included a list of the Board members' 2016 committee assignments.

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I realize that we all live busy lives in and out of work. I would encourage everyone to try and take time to attend one of our many workshops this year. As many of you have already received the flyer for the spring workshop, we hope to get record participation and start our workshop season off with a bang!

One last note; I know that several of you are employing young individuals as part of your seasonal crews. Many of you are already advocates of this industry and encourage young people to pursue this career field. The fact of the matter is that more and more sports turf related jobs are opening every day and we need the next generation to fill those gaps. Any additional career advice or mentoring that you can provide to your young people will go a long ways.

Happy Spring and I look forward to catching up with everyone on April 27th in Burlington.



Meet: Paul Swafford



Paul Swafford is hosting the upcoming Spring Workshop on April 27, in Burlington.

1) How did you become interested in turfgrass management?

I got my interest in turfgrass management when I was a student at Indian Hills Community College, in Ottumwa, taking the horticulture courses. During a nice, spring day in my turfgrass 101 class, we went down to the softball field to get it ready for the upcoming season. It was in that one afternoon that I felt that working on baseball and softball fields was something I wanted to do for a living.

2) What does your current job consist of?

My current job is with the Burlington Community School District and I oversee all the green space, trees, and flowerbeds around our 11 buildings. I manage four athletic fields at the high school: three football / soccer practice fields (one has an eight-lane rubberized track around it), and a softball and baseball field are close by. In the district, we have two middle schools, which have a football / soccer field used for games and practices with a brick chip track around each of them. As of the fall of 2015, a local group called the Purple and Gray, along with other local companies and groups, helped renovate our competition field, Bracewell Stadium, to artificial turf.

3) What is your favorite aspect of your current position?

My favorite aspect of my current position is seeing a front lawn at the elementary school, a playground area, and an athletic field in the district and knowing I put everything in my mind and heart to make it look the best it can be.

4) What are your hobbies while away from work?

When I'm not working, I enjoy hunting with family and close friends. Hunting for turkeys is one of my favorite animals to hunt in the spring or fall. I also like to work out on a daily basis. My family still lives in Fairfield, and I like to go back once in a while and see our family dog as well as my family.

5) What do you enjoy about being an ISTMA member?

I enjoy being an ISTMA member for the relationships I get to make with new and old members at workshops and at the annual turfgrass conference, as well as, catching up with co-workers and bosses from previous jobs. I also enjoy learning new and exciting ways to keep my fields safe and looking great.

SPRING WORKSHOP

April 27 - Burlington Community High School

421 Terrace Dr, Burlington, IA 52601

The Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association is excited to present the first workshop of 2016 at the Burlington Community High School baseball field. Paul Swafford will host this year's Spring Workshop.

8:00 Registration

8:30 Welcome

8:50 Mound Plateau Rebuild

Panel: Mike Andresen, CSFM, Tim Van Loo, CSFM, Tony Senio

Colin Stuhr, Eli Elliot, Michael Murphy, Paul Swafford

9:30 Mound Landing Area Rebuild

Panel continues

10:45 Home Plate Rebuild

Panel continues

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Laser Grade Infield

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4:00 Workshop Ends

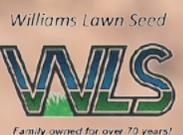
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So Long but not Goodbye

By: Randy Robinson, Chapter Executive

Ryan Adams has been with the Iowa State University Extension since August of 2013. His impact on the Turfgrass Industry was felt immediately. He has been a great friend to many of us and a great help to all of us. From on-site visits to golf courses, sports fields, and home lawns, to helping organize Field Day and the annual Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show, he has been a huge asset to the Iowa Turfgrass Institute and all the allied associations. Recently, his work has involved water quality studies for the Iowa GCSA. The results of this study will help all the associations in Iowa.

Ryan will be pursuing other avenues after this month and will be greatly missed. On behalf of the Iowa Turfgrass Office and all of our allied associations, thank you, Ryan, for all that you have done for everyone and for helping us continue to grow the turfgrass industry through advocacy and education. You will be missed and we wish you the best of luck.

It's sad to see Ryan go, but if there is a beacon of light at the end of the tunnel, it's that his position will be filled in the following months. The individual filling Ryan's position will have huge shoes to fill. Most of you may have heard already, but Adam Thoms will be filling the ISU Extension position in July of this year. As sad as we are to see Ryan leave, we are all excited to work with Adam as he picks up where Ryan left off and continues to educate our association members and further advance the research and development in the Iowa turfgrass industry.

Adam is an Iowa State University alum and I know he is excited to get back here and get to

work. From talking with others, I haven't heard one negative thing about Adam and most say how lucky we are to have him. Adam specializes in sports turf management and will be a huge benefit for the ISTMA going forward. He has already started building relationships and thinking of ideas for our industry. We welcome Adam with open arms and are excited to work together moving forward.

Every year, the Iowa GCSA has an extension golf tournament to help fund research at Iowa State. In the past we have funded Dave Minner and Ryan Adams; that isn't going to change. Even though Adam may not have started when that tournament is held, he will still need our help to get him going. I encourage all of you to attend the ISU Extension Golf Tournament this year at Hillcrest Country Club in Adel. The date is May 18 and is open to all association members and guests. Let's fill this tournament and show Adam how much we care about the work he will be doing.

As always, thank you to all the sponsors for all the events this year. We couldn't have the success we have without your help. I encourage all of you to take a look at who the sponsors are next time you are purchasing. Support those that support you!

Can't wait to see everyone at the Spring Workshop in Burlington!

Have a great spring everyone and God bless America!



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Turfgrass Extension Fundraiser

All proceeds benefit Adam Thoms, PhD, who will become the new ISU Turfgrass Extension Associate in June. Adam's Extension program will benefit all turfgrass managers across Iowa.

Wednesday, May 18
Hillcrest Country Club, Adel
Shotgun @ 11:30am
\$50 per person

Event Details:

Registration - 9:45am

Education (Poa Eradication Study) - 10:45am

Lunch - 11:15am

Golf (18 holes) - 11:30am

Deadline for sign-up: May 10

TO REGISTER:

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Visit <http://www.iowaturfgrass.org/istmaevents.htm>
for event details and online registration

Proceeds benefit new ISU Turfgrass Extension Associate Adam Thoms, PhD



(Photo courtesy of Pam Sherratt)

Warm Weather Worries

By: Karl Danneberger, Ohio State University

Cool-season turfgrasses perform best when daytime temperatures are in the 60 to 75-degree Fahrenheit range and soil temperatures are in the 50 to 65-degree range, along with adequate soil moisture. By comparison, warm-season grasses can function better in warmer temperatures and are able to continue growing during the heat of the summer if there is adequate soil moisture.

The most stressful time of the year for cool-season turfgrass is typically June through August, when there are hot, sunny days and temperatures routinely in the 80s. With temperatures on the rise, it is a good time to remember what effect temperature has on turf. Solar radiation is the source of heat buildup in the turfgrass plant. Transpiration of water up through the plants and out of the stomatal pores dissipates the heat. The rate of transpirational

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flow is dependent on temperature, wind, solar radiation and humidity. It is regulated by the stomatal openings and by the static layer of air that covers the leaf blade (called the “boundary layer” and held at 100 percent humidity). Once the boundary layer is removed by windy conditions, the movement of water via transpiration is increased. Thus, the rate of transpirational cooling is much greater on a sunny, windy day than a cloudy, calm day.

Given the following conditions this is what the turf may be experiencing:

- Clear, sunny day, no breeze, and adequate soil moisture – The canopy temperature will be 15 degrees higher than the air temperature.
- Clear, sunny day, slight breeze, adequate soil moisture – The canopy temperature will be within 1 degree of the air temperature.
- Cloudy, no breeze, adequate soil moisture – The canopy temperature will be the same as the air temperature.
- If soil moisture is limiting, under sunny days

the canopy temperature can rise 20 degrees above the air temperature.

- Heavy sand topdressing left on the turf surface can increase canopy temperatures 23 degrees.

The most common heat stress symptoms are a reduction in shoot growth and a stoppage or loss of a functional root system. In most cases, heat stress alone does not cause turf death. The impact of heat is often associated with detrimental changes to the plant that increase the likelihood of traffic or wear injury. Turfgrasses vary in their tolerance to heat stress, with tall fescue withstanding considerably more heat stress than perennial ryegrass or rough bluegrass.

Soil temperatures above the optimum are more detrimental than air temperature. When average daily soil temperatures exceed 70 degrees, 50 percent or more of the root system of a cool-season turfgrass can be lost. In a controlled study at Rutgers University, the researchers exposed creeping bentgrass plants to increasing soil temperatures while holding the air tempera-

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ture constant at 68 degrees. At temperatures above 70 degrees they observed a decline in root mass, length and activity, which continued to decline with increasing soil temperature. In Ohio State rhizotron research, root activity and growth declined dramatically during summer stress.

While warm-season grasses perform much better during the heat of the summer than cool-season grasses, both are susceptible to drought stress and will go dormant in the summer if they do not get water.

How drought tolerant a turfgrass is depends upon:

- The severity and duration of the drought and number of drought exposures.
- Being able to evade the stress. Turf may go dormant during the summer to evade the

stress period. An example of this would be rough bluegrass (*Poa trivialis*).

- Being able to avoid the stress. Turf can avoid drought stress by having deep roots, or an abundance of root hairs, a dense sward, rolled or hairy leaf blades, thick cuticles and/or small leaf areas. An example of this would be tall fescue (*Festuca arundinacea*), which has deep roots.
- Genetic tolerance. Turf may be able to tolerate drought stress by having greater food and water reserves during the stress period. An example of this would be bermudagrass (*Cynodon dactylon*).

The amount of water a turfgrass system needs is based upon its “water use rate” (WUR), which is calculated by the evapotranspiration (ET) rate. Compared to warm-season grasses like bermudagrass, cool-season grasses have high water use rates during the summer, typically between



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Fields with a soil compaction issue will not be able to handle the stress of summer heat and drought. Aggressive soil cultivation practices carried out in the spring will help promote deep roots and healthy turf plants prior to periods of stress.

.25 and .35 inch per day. ET rate is commonly used as a guide for the amount of supplemental irrigation needed each week if there is no rainfall.

A ballpark figure would be that turfgrasses require 1 inch of water per week. Lower amounts than the weekly ET rate could also be applied if there was a severe drought and the irrigation water was scarce or too expensive. It is not uncommon to see irrigation strategies of replenishing only 50 to 80 percent of the calculated ET rate in order to conserve moisture. If turf is allowed to go dormant in order to conserve moisture, it is important to regularly check the crown of the grass plant to make sure that it stays

hydrated or the turf may die. Turfgrasses with rhizomes or stolons are better able to withstand periods of drought than shallow-rooted, bunch-type grasses. These latter grasses, like annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*), have a short wilt phase and die out quickly under summer stress.

Exposing turf to drought stress prior to the summer stress period, called drought preconditioning, can enhance the turf's ability to withstand heat and drought stress. Research by Bingru Huang has shown that drought preconditioning can promote deeper and more extensive root systems in turf like Kentucky bluegrass. In addition to deeper roots, preconditioned plants maintained greater leaf water content and enhanced





Droughty turf or bluegrass billbug damage? The Kentucky bluegrass was dead, the perennial ryegrass was not. This picture was taken on a baseball outfield in Ohio in June, and the condition of the turf was attributed to billbug damage.

stomatal conductance and transpiration rates.

Preconditioning is done by exposing the turf to mild drought stress in the spring, which can be a challenge if there are heavy rain events throughout the spring months. It is essential during the spring months to promote as many roots as possible by alleviating soil compaction and being judicious with both water and fertilizer applications. Spring is the best root growing period for cool-season grasses. Cultural practices to encourage root growth at this time of year will provide great dividends during summer stress.

Management practices to alleviate stress

Prestress practices in the spring: Leading into the summer stress period, it's important to encourage as much root, rhizome and stolon growth as possible. This is done by carrying out aggressive aeration and topdressing programs in the spring. In addition, turf should be exposed to mild drought conditions to harden-off, or precondition, for the stress period. Excessive soil

compaction and saturated soils should be alleviated at all costs, since the goal is to promote roots.



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Excessive amounts of nitrogen applied in the spring will favor top growth and be detrimental to root growth, so apply light rates of fertilizer. Potassium is the nutrient most associated with water regulation within the turf plant, and it has been linked with increased stress tolerance and improved injury recovery, particularly in warm-season grasses. Excessive top growth could also be caused by the use of growth blankets and covers during the spring, which may be detrimental to root growth. It is important to take covers off and harden the turf off several weeks prior to the summer stress period.

General guidelines for managing turf during summer heat and drought stress

Apply irrigation early in the morning. Do not overwater during periods of high temperatures, as this could cause wet wilt and also encourage diseases like brown patch and Pythium. Irrigate deeply and infrequently. If rooting depth has been greatly reduced, lighter, more frequent irrigation should be applied. Make sure water application rates are not greater than soil infiltration rates to avoid runoff. Keep in mind that turf growing in shade needs about half as much water as the same grass growing in full sun. Monitor turf closely for signs of wilt: purple color, “foot printing” and rolled leaves.

On sand-based and other high-stress fields, lightly syringe (cool down) the turf in the afternoon by spraying turf with a hose or rotation of the sprinkler heads.

On nonirrigated fields, use warm-season grasses, tall fescue, or mixes of tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass. Choose stress-tolerant cultivars wherever possible. Check the National Turfgrass Evaluation Trials (www.ntep.org) for the best cultivars within a species for your area.

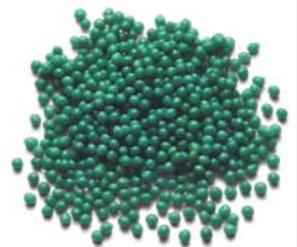
Kentucky bluegrass fields not in use during the

summer can be eased into summer dormancy, whereby the top growth stops and goes brown, but the crown remains hydrated and viable. Kentucky bluegrass can survive in this dormant state for a couple of weeks and then recuperate when environmental conditions are more favorable. Monitor the crown to make sure it stays hydrated or the plant will die.

Raising the height of cut slightly will increase the wear tolerance of turf. Municipal fields and tall fescue fields should be mowed at 3 inches. A denser turf will provide better protection to the growing point and also help minimize temperature buildup at the soil surface.



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Minimize the frequency of mowing. For example, if double cutting prior to games is a standard practice, reduce the frequency to single cutting. Avoid mowing during the heat of the day; avoid mowing wilted turf; and minimize repetitive mowing patterns.

Disperse or stagger the entering and exiting patterns and practice drill areas to minimize and reduce the concentration of wear. Keep traffic off dormant fields. Also, reduce the frequency of practices like verticutting, core aeration and sand topdressing, avoid applying DMI fungicides and plant growth regulators and avoid the use of covers and tarps. Apply nitrogen fertilizer during the stress period to suppress leaf senescence during periods of high temperature and to promote recovery. Use a slow-release source of nitrogen.

Monitor the turf closely for damage from white grubs in May and June, since they damage turf roots. Fields with a history of grub problems need to be protected with a season-long con-

trol product. Bluegrass billbugs have been a major problem on fields the last two summers, but damage has been misdiagnosed as mild drought. Check for insect activity if turf looks droughty.

At the time of writing, it is impossible to predict what type of summer stress we will encounter in 2013, but after the challenging summers of 2011 and 2012, it is best to be prepared. Aggressive aeration and topdressing, coupled with some pre-drought conditioning and a sound fertilizer program, should help to prepare fields for stress. The bottom line is that the turf will get through the summer stress period if it has a deep and healthy root system.

Pam Sherratt is a sports turf specialist at Ohio State University and served on the STMA board of directors from 2010-2011. Dr. John Street has been a professor in turfgrass science at Ohio State University for the last 30 years. Dr. Karl Danneberger has been a turfgrass professor at OSU since 1983.



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Remember to Slow Down

By: Casey Scheidel, CSFM, Iowa Cubs Sports Turf

The spring has seemed to get off to a feverous pace and will soon be long forgotten. Weather has been good and suddenly we all get back into our routines. Spring event schedules are full no matter what the sport. Did you take time to smell the tulips?

Now is time to take a quick look at your goals for the year. Whether your budget is based on a fiscal or calendar year, are you still making progress to your goals? Find a little time in your hectic schedule to slow down; this includes me! Make sure you are still keeping all those records that are great to look back on, producing reports, meeting budgets, and providing quality safe athletic surfaces.

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The dens Board Introduction

By: Brad The dens, City of Sioux Falls

Well, the spring weather roller coaster is in full swing here in Sioux Falls. I hope this finds everyone well on your way to a great 2016 season of growing.

For those of you who don't know who I am, I would just like to take a minute to share a few things about myself. I am originally from Rock Rapids, which is tucked way up in northwest Iowa. At a young age, I was always outside doing something sports related. I think this is when I decided that I wanted to do something relating to the outdoors. At first, I wanted to pursue a career in Landscape Architecture, but quickly decided that working behind the desk or at a computer was not the route for me. Upon graduating from high school, I enrolled at Iowa State University where I received my Bachelor's degree in Horticulture, with an emphasis in turfgrass management.

After graduation, I went to work for S.W. Franks Construction as a grow-in Superintendent. This opportunity brought me all across the country, working with a wide variety of different sports and facilities. I had the opportunity to work on Yankee Stadium, Shae Stadium, and Paul Brown Stadium, along with numerous others across the states. I really enjoyed the job, but after two and a half years on the road living in hotels, I decided to move back to South Dakota, which is where I am at today.

I am currently one of the Park Caretakers for the City of Sioux Falls. My responsibilities are managing the city's three soccer complexes. We have over 80 acres of irrigated soccer fields, 21 full-sized fields and 25 youth fields, along with over 100 acres of other park ground. Besides managing the soccer schedule and tournaments, we also have a wide range of other events from cross country events to jazz festivals with over 100,000 attendees.

As a Board member of the ISTMA, I would like help the fellow members continue to grow and carry out the mission of the ISTMA to help all of our fellow turf managers throughout Iowa and surrounding areas to continue to provide safe and aesthetically pleasing playing fields and grounds for all athletes and their families. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to this opportunity.

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The Need for Good Sportsmanship

The following article is a discussion between ISTMA members Joe Wagner, Colin Stuhr, and Mike Andresen, CSFM; speaking on fan interaction at member facilities and the importance of sportsmanship at sporting events.

1) How would you define sportsmanship with your current position?

Mike Andresen, CSFM: "I would define sportsmanship as behaving respectfully to anyone competing in, judging / refereeing, facilitating, or watching a competition. Each action you plan to do should be preceded with the question, 'Will what I'm about to do enhance the positive environment around this activity?' If the answer is not yes, then you shouldn't do it."

Joe Wagner: "I would define sportsmanship by how you act / behave to other players, coaches, teams, fans, and officials during sporting events or any type of competition. How we act and present ourselves sets an example for others. If your actions are not positive towards others, then you probably shouldn't do it."

Colin Stuhr: "Sportsmanship, to me, is simply showing respect for the game and playing fair; respecting everyone that is involved in the sporting event. Also, respecting the facility and / or fields you are at for the sporting event."

2) Can you describe a time where sportsmanship was an issue at your facility and how it was addressed or handled?

Mike Andresen, CSFM: "We had an incident where one of our most loyal fans lashed out verbally at an opposing coach. He was removed from the facility and not allowed back in until he met with our chief administrator and apologized to the coach."

Joe Wagner: "We had a situation where parents had been lashing out at each other over a few weeks during a sporting event. It had made other parents, players, and even officials very uncomfortable. It was taken to the board after several complaints and both parents were asked to not attend any more games until they could learn how to act in front of others."



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Colin Stuhr: “Certain players on a specific team were lashing out and using foul language to members of the opposing team on a regular basis. The players were not playing fair and getting physical in the games and the head of the organization was notified, but nothing seemed to change. It eventually led to a physical altercation; the police were notified and resolved the situation.”

3) At what point do you feel that it’s a field managers responsibility to “step-in” a sportsmanship issue?

Mike Andresen, CSFM: “If physical harm is not at issue, our first response would be to find the person (administrator) overseeing the event and make them aware of a potential problem. At that point, we act on behalf of the competitors and the specific event by being a tool they can use to help diffuse the situation. Usually our role is to create “space” between an ongoing negative situation and the event itself. If we can’t control the situation, it’s our job to then minimize the damage to others. Our role is to protect the event and those involved with it.”

Joe Wagner: “In my position and my staffs, our role is to locate who is in charge of the event to make them aware of the situation. If this person cannot be located or a responsible representative from that organization my staff contacts me, I contact Park Security or the Police Department to make them aware of the situation. My staff lets me know about situations that happen during events and I let the organization know about situations that have occurred.”

Colin Stuhr: “On the parks and recreation side of things, our goal is to serve the public with nice playing facilities and hosting teams from all over. Not really having a “home team”, we try to make everyone’s experience equal and memorable that comes to one of our facilities so we can continue to bring these teams and organizations coming back every year. By doing so, we try to keep an eye on sportsmanship and make everyone involved feel comfortable and have an enjoyable experience. I feel we as sports turf managers on the parks and recreation side should step in when the experience at our facilities starts to be uncomfortable for others who are involved in the event by notifying the persons in charge of the event and respectfully trying to de-escalate the situation.”

4) How do you lead by example in reference to sportsmanship in your life?

Mike Andresen, CSFM: “I make a point to never question the coaches or arbiters of competitions.



'Praise publicly, Criticize privately' Games are meant for competitor's enjoyment and personal growth. Those two things can't happen if my actions have a negative influence to even the smallest degree."

Joe Wagner: "Personally, I try very hard to not voice my opinion in public about sporting events, it's just a game. On any given day, anyone can win! Perfection does not exist and everyone can have a bad day / game. I try extremely hard to keep silent about my views towards other teams, officials, coaches, parents, and communities. If you know me or have ever been at an Iowa wrestling meet with me, anything goes; my silence is never golden, especially during an Oklahoma State meet."

Colin Stuhr: "At any level of a sporting event, it is easy to get emotional and upset with what is happening in the event if you are passionate about that sport. I tend to keep my thoughts and emotions to myself and I will occasionally laugh when something happens that I disagree with. I don't want to draw attention to myself or influence the game in any way possible. I make it a point to show respect for my love of the game."

5) What do you feel the sports turf community can do to better support or represent sportsmanship?

Mike Andresen, CSFM: "As sports turf managers, we need to pay close attention to events on our facilities and do all we can to be a consistent buffer between coaches, competitors, and fans when needed. We should posture to literally be a 'Guardian of the Game'. I coached in a youth league where parents were allowed to attend only the final game of the season. It was amazing how much more productive and attentive to coaches and referees the youth competitors were. Everyone had the best interest of each kid as a goal. The score was kept, but improving skills of each player was first priority, not winning the game. Kids flourished from the start of the season to end and those three years of coaching were gratifying and nothing but fun. Parents and overzealous fans with out-of-balance personal interests are what needs changed in sports today."

Joe Wagner: "As sports turf managers, our role should be: we do what we do for the love of the sport, not the team. Our passion should be in the job; we need to put our heart and soul in the field / facility to make the best experience for those who coach, play, officiate, or attend the event. I agree with Mike, that we are 'Guardians of the Game' and we should lead by example. I have seen coaches and fans over the years that set a bad example for young athletes and fans to follow, it's no surprise to me how athletes can have such a bad attitude today."

Colin Stuhr: "As sports turf managers, our first goal is to make a safe and an equal playing field for whomever is playing on that given field on that particular day. With that being said, we need to look at the facility as a whole and keep the experience of the event at high level. Leave what happens in the outcome of the game to the athletes and coaches involved. Try to keep yourselves and staff as professional and respectable as possible."

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Always till the soil for proper binding



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Ballard Golf & Country Club
Huxley, Iowa
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Ames, Iowa

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City of Sioux Center
Sioux Center, Iowa
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