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President's Message

By: Troy McQuillen, Kirkwood Community College



I can believe that most would agree in that the year has moved very fast. The beautiful weather this fall was quickly forgotten in the drastic temperature declines to prove that the Iowa winters were back. As I type this month's president's message on the cold winter day, I am proud of the fact that the organization has grown in membership, accomplished several of the yearly goals, and sponsored four successful workshops across the state. The board of directors all shared this responsibility and I thank them for this year's service. One board member that will be retiring from the board for now is Tim Van Loo, CSFM. Tim has been on the ISTMA board in several capacities and has provided expertise, guidance, and support for the organization. We are all happy in that Tim will still serve as the ISTMA representative on the ITI board and continue his engagement with the ISTMA board.

Following the January ISTMA annual meeting, I will be transitioning into the Past President's roll and Elliott Josephson will become your 2017-2018 ISTMA president. I am trilled in that Elliott will build on the ISTMA mission and be very strategic about the board's future plans.

The board is also excited to be back in Des Moines for the 83rd Iowa Turfgrass Conference on January 17th-19th. We hope that most of you have already reserved your spot, as this year will be filled with top quality education and a full trade show. We are also happy to announce that the ISTMA membership social will be back at the I-Cub Club Suite in Principal Park on Tuesday, January 17th starting at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. On Wednesday afternoon of the Iowa Turfgrass Conference, the ISTMA annual meeting will be held for which we will recognize our 2016 award winners, vote on the new board of directors, and update the membership on the strategic plans for the upcoming year.

I wish everyone a happy holidays and I look forward to catching up at the Iowa Turfgrass Conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy McQuillen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.



Using Your Time Wisely

By: Randy Robinson, Chapter Executive

We have been told to use our time wisely, all our lives. I expect we will forever. So, why am I saying it? The nice thing about winters in Iowa is that you really can't get much done with turf. This, in turn, gives you ample time to concentrate and reflect on the previous year. What worked well? What didn't work well? What can I improve on? How can I be the best "me" that I can be? All great questions to think about and I think I may be able to help.

The 2017 Iowa Turfgrass Conference is almost here. The event will be held on January

17-19 at the Prairie Meadows Event Center. You might be asking, is this some kind of shameless plug by Randy to get us to conference? No, it's not. What it is, is a reminder that there is an event, built for you! Let's examine the questions I mentioned above.

What worked well? At the conference, you can tell others what worked well for you, and learn from what worked well for others. You will hear from experts from around the industry on trends and ideas to improve your job.

What didn't work well? By networking with others, you will find we all have the same problems, the same difficulties, and someone out there has found a way to make it all better. Whether it be an industry expert or other industry professional, such as yourself, somebody will have some great insight on what you are dealing with.

What can I improve on? Whether you like it or not, we are never too old

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to learn. Even you, Mr. Joe Wagner (that's going to get me a phone call). There is always room for improvement; always room to be the best you can be. At the conference, you will find what you need to improve, trust me.

How can I be the best "me" that I can be? This one is on you. If you aren't motivated, don't work hard, and give it your all, all the time, you will never be the best you. At the conference there will be numerous talks about being the best you. Whether it be agronomically, professionally, or personally. We have all those areas covered.

I guess the better question would be, why wouldn't you go to the Iowa Turfgrass Conference?

Just a reminder for members, the annual meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18 at 3:00pm during the Sports Turf Session at conference. Don't miss out on what is going on in the ISTMA, where is the association going, and all the well deserving award winners.

One more thing that would fall under using your time wisely. Take time to thank your vendors! They are there when you call and they are there to sponsor and support your continuing education. The ISTMA is blessed with numerous vendors that support the association. I can't tell you what to do, but think about supporting vendor members above all others, they're the ones supporting you.

Have a blessed and safe holiday season everyone!

Thanks for a great 2016!

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Successes and Failures

By: Elliott Josephson, Prairie Ridge Sports Complex

I hope everyone's fall went well and that you were able to take advantage of the warmer temperatures in October and November.

As we enter the winter months, I hope everyone takes the time to reflect on the good things you have done this year as well as the bad. I had a meeting with the director of our Parks and Rec Department this past week and he wants a report on our department's successes and challenges. I can give successes, but challenges is a hard one as we are challenged every day. I would rather call it what it is, failures.

With the season coming to an end, my mind and body are ready to shut down and take a break. I find it easy to remember the good things we did this year and even easier to remember what things we did that failed. As managers we all strive to have the best playing surfaces we can with the budgets we are given and trying new ways of doing something is great, but may not always be the best idea. I like to take chances and try new ways of doing things and sometimes the results are great and many of you have heard of those results, but I have also tried new things this year that you haven't heard about because they were not as successful as I would have liked. I am not saying they failed, but the results or timing was not the best. Over the next few weeks my staff and I will sit down to look at our notes to discuss what worked and how to implement those ideas more, as well as what didn't work, why it didn't work, and what we can change to get the results that we are aiming for and turn those failed ideas into successful ones.

With an increase in events and the same amount of staff, and hopefully an increase in budget (even if minimal), we need to be more creative to be more successful. So as you are hopefully enjoying a slower time of year, be sure to take time and enjoy your accomplishments and your successes! I am sure that even if you had a failure, your fields were the best they could be and next year they will be even better because of that failed idea. Try to take the time to speak to someone in your area and see what successes or failures they may have had this year and discuss how you can help each other next year. I talk to different members in our organization year round and am always interested to hear successes and failures, and get a different view on how I can implement ideas to make my fields better.

If you see me in Des Moines in January at the Iowa Turfgrass Conference, let me know about your successes and failures. I would love to hear them and would be happy to share with you my failures and how I plan to turn them into successes.

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Interested in becoming an Environmentally Certified Facility?

Visit <http://www.stma.org/environmental-facility-certification-program> or speak with an ISTMA board member. The program was developed to help document the environmental stewardship of STMA members and is awarded to the facility. The program involves an electronic assessment, which you can take from any computer or smart device. After you have completed the assessment, STMA will score it. If you have achieved 80 percent compliance on each of the 10 sections, you will be notified that you passed. The next step is to engage an attester who can do a walk-through of the facility with you to validate your environmental practices. STMA will provide an electronic assessment form to the attester. If the attester verifies your practices, the facility will be designated an STMA Certified Facility for Environmentally Responsible Management. You can choose recognition for your facility through a plaque or a banner. A \$100 fee will be charged once your facility achieves certification, which includes the recognition materials.



2017 IOWA TURFGRASS CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017

9:00am - 10:00am

Athletic Field Safety and Performance Update

Adam Thoms, PhD, Iowa State University

10:15am - 11:00am

Common Mistakes in Sports Turf Design and Maintenance

Aaron Patton, PhD, Purdue University

11:15am - 12:00pm

First and Foremost - Be an Agronomist

Michael Goatley, PhD, Virginia Tech University

12:45pm - 1:30pm

Finding Happiness in a Stressful World

Lisa Goatley, M.S., LPC, The Cascade Group

1:45pm - 2:30pm

Using Social Media in the Green Industry

Jared Hoyle, PhD, Kansas State University

2:45pm - 4:30pm

Hire, Manage, and Develop Your Team

Roger Stewart, CGCS, TPC Twin Cities

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017

9:00am - 9:45am	Awards & Scholarships Troy McQuillen, Kirkwood Community College
9:45am - 10:00am	New Products Exhibitors
10:00am - 11:00am	Staying on Course: Helping Your Family Survive Your Work Michael and Lisa Goatley
11:00am - 1:00pm	Trade Show Grand Opening
1:00pm - 2:45pm	The Benefits of Oxygen: How to Maintain Oxygen Levels in our Rootzone David Doherty, International Sports Turf Research Center
3:00pm - 4:00pm	ISTMA Annual Meeting Troy McQuillen, ISTMA President

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017

9:30am - 9:45am	Preparing NFL Fields from the Super Bowl to England Georgeanna Heitshusen
9:45am - 10:45am	Iowa Tax and Labor Laws Update Doug Stuyk



Keynote Speakers

Michael and Lisa Goatley



Careers in the turf industry present challenges in maintaining an appropriate balance between work and family life. Jobs in this industry are prone to have very long and unpredictable hours under very stressful mental and physical conditions. It is not uncommon for family relationships to suffer when work demands are high. This presentation will detail numerous skills and strategies that one can implement to achieve healthy relationships at both work and home.

Please join us in the General Session on Wednesday, January 18!

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1 CONTACT INFORMATION *Please print all information clearly and exactly as you wish it to appear on your name badge.*

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course Workshop				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Care & Landscape Workshop				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Turf Workshop				
2-Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Tues & Wed Registration <i>includes education, lunches, and trade show</i>	\$50	\$195 (\$210)	\$215 (\$230)	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course Workshop				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Care & Landscape Workshop				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Turf Workshop				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Turfgrass Management Workshop				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed & Thurs Registration <i>includes education, lunches, trade show, and PAT</i>	\$40	\$165 (\$180)	\$175 (\$190)	\$	
1-Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Registration <i>includes workshop and lunch</i>	\$30	\$150 (\$165)	\$160 (\$175)	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course Workshop				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Care & Landscape Workshop				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Turf Workshop				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Turfgrass Management Workshop				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Registration <i>includes education, lunch, and trade show</i>	\$20	\$120 (\$135)	\$130 (\$145)	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Registration <i>includes education, lunch, trade show, and PAT</i>	\$20	\$120 (\$135)	\$130 (\$145)	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT) ONLY	\$50	\$50 (\$50)	\$55 (\$55)	\$	
Add-ons	<input type="checkbox"/> ISTMA Membership Social <i>Complimentary for ISTMA members, Tuesday 5:00 PM</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Iowa GCSA Member Breakfast <i>Thursday 6:30 AM</i>	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$
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Candidates for Exhibitor Director

Travis Dykstra

Van Wall Equipment
ISTMA Member - 1 year



Employment History

Van Wall Equipment (August 2015 - Present)
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St. Charles Country Club (September 2010 - February 2013)
Prairie Landing Golf Club (August 2007 - September 2010)
Moonlight Basin (May 2006 - August 2007)
Yellowstone Club (2005)
Veenker Memorial Golf Club (2002 - 2005)
Sibley Golf & Country Club (1998 - 2003)

Personal Information / Family / Hobbies

I grew up in northwest Iowa, and have been married to my wife, Brooke, for nine years. We have two daughters, Avery, four-years-old, and Brinley, one-year-old. When time allows, I enjoy hunting / fishing, and watching ISU sporting events.

Education

Iowa State University - Bachelor of Science

Goals as a Board Member

As a Board Member of the ISTMA, I would work to provide our members with valuable education opportunities that they can benefit from and utilize at their facility throughout their career. In addition, I'd like to continue membership growth and involvement by promoting the association through social media, workshops, and student involvement.

Ross Huff

D & K Products
ISTMA Member - 11 years



Employment History

D & K Products
City of Iowa City
University of Iowa

Personal Information / Family / Hobbies

My wife, Kate, and I have two boys, Rhett, two-years-old, and Reid, seven-months-old, and we live in Indianola. Kate is a kindergarten teacher in the Indianola School District. We enjoy taking the boys to Indianola sporting events and doing anything outside. Golfing and hunting are the way I spend my few minutes of free time.

Education

Coe College - Bachelor of Arts
Kirkwood Community College - Associate of Applied Science

Goals as a Board Member

My goal as a board member would be to grow the membership, help promote the great events that are currently offered, and help continue the current success of the ISTMA.

Candidates for At-Large Director

Colin Stuhr

City of Iowa City - Assistant Turf Specialist
ISTMA Member - 4 years

Employment History

City of Iowa City (October 2014 - Present)
University of Iowa, seasonal (2011 - Present)
Clinton Lumberkings (2010)



Personal Information / Family / Hobbies

I am your basic outdoorsman. I enjoy fishing, camping and hunting. I have a three and a half year old, chocolate lab named Chase; he is my duck hunting partner. I have recently just started bow hunting as well and bagged my first doe on November 8th, 2015. I am from eastern Iowa and I am now purchasing a house in West Branch, Iowa.

Education

Kirkwood Community College - Associate of Applied Science

Goals as a Board Member

My first goal as a board member is to make education workshops and conference sessions more available and useful for ISTMA members. Another goal is creating more benefits for all Turf Managers and finding out what Turf Managers and Employers need concerning these benefits. I would like to get younger Sports Turf Managers involved and knowledgeable about the Sports Turf Industry. With the knowledge and resources we have within our chapter I have always felt we need to help less fortunate Communities / School Districts, via workshop or workday. I consider it an honor to run for a seat on the Board of Directors of the Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association.

Notice of 2017 ISTMA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2017



**Prairie Meadows Event Center
Skinner Ballroom B**

3:00 PM

- Congratulate your 2017 association award winners
- Elect your 2017 board of directors
- Engage in important association discussions



Lynda Wightman

2016 Golden Cleat Award Recipient

Each year, the ISTMA board of directors chooses an individual who has shown outstanding commitment, contribution, and years of service to the state's sports turf industry for the Golden Cleat Award. The 2015 recipient of this award has undoubtedly fulfilled these roles and has set the gold standard for this prestigious award moving forward. On January 28, 2016, Lynda Wightman was awarded the 2015 ISTMA Golden Cleat Award, an award which seemed destined to be hers. Thank you, Lynda, for all you do for the ISTMA and our great sports turf industry as a whole!

1) How did you become interested in the turfgrass industry?

My ex-husband, Steve Wightman, was the sports turf manager for the Denver Broncos in the 1980's. He went on to take care of Jack Murphy Stadium (San Diego Chargers and Padres) for over 20 years after that. He exposed me to the wonderful people in charge of athletic fields, across the nation and world.



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2) What does your current job consist of?

I am the Industry Relations Manager for Hunter Industries. I am constantly trying to teach existing managers / students / instructors about the importance of efficient irrigation practices in their turf and landscape areas. Safety is the number one most important factor and you can't have that without uniform coverage from

a properly working irrigation system. I also represent Hunter in many of our industry-related associations around the world. STMA is my favorite, by far, because of the wonderful people involved.

3) How has the business changed over the years?

Technology has certainly helped, but sometimes I wonder if it hasn't forced many of us to forget about the basics: hand writing notes, picking up the phone for networking opportunities, "thank you's" on a daily basis.

4) What advice would you give to someone starting out in the turfgrass industry?

Find a school that offers an excellent turf program, AND includes irrigation as part of the program.

5) What are your hobbies outside of work?

Everyone who knows me, realizes that there really isn't much time outside of Hunter Industries! I do love to toss a line in a Montana stream, garden and can my harvest, and share my beautiful home in Missoula, Montana with anyone who wants to enjoy it, too!

6) If you weren't in your current position, what else would you be doing?

Wow. After 32 years with Hunter that is a hard question to answer! I love my company and what I do.

7) What has ISTMA meant to you?

An unbelievable opportunity to network with the most professional sports field managers in the industry. The other chapter members: commercial, educators, students, also make up the complete package of a great group of professionals who truly care about the industry. While working with the various BOD's in developing strategic plans for ISTMA, it has helped me grow as an individual and allowed me to share experience and knowledge I've gained through the years.

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Golden Cleat Award Recipient, Lynda Wightman

8) Who has been / was your role model or mentor in the industry?

My mother: always do things to make others feel needed and necessary!

My first boss: Chuck Huston; fail at what you do and then learn from it.

My very good friend, Mike Andresen, CSFM: love life and live it to its fullest - keep smiling.

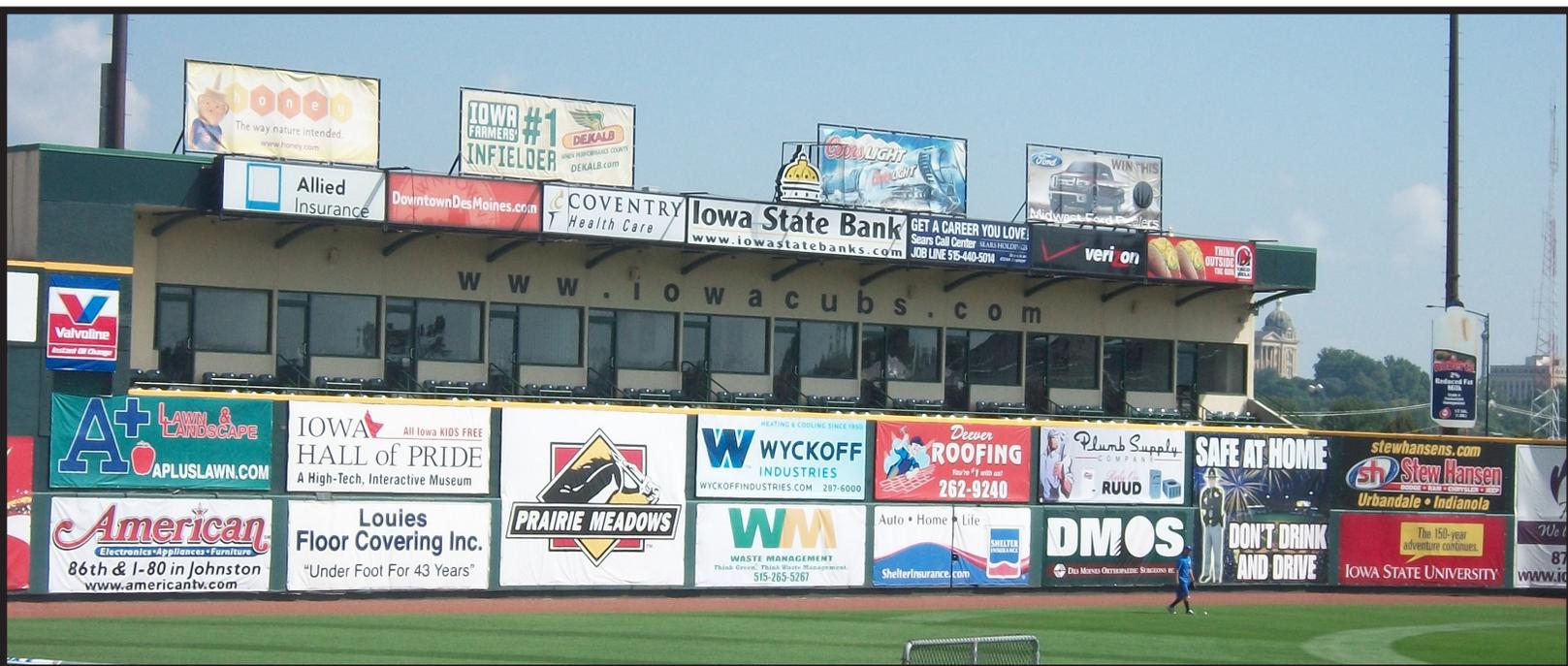
9) What do you see in the sports turf manager's future?

We NEED more students to go through the various programs in the schools. There are many jobs coming available and we don't have the next generation ready for them. Also, water conservation isn't just for states like California anymore. Iowa is under water quality and quantity alerts: the sports turf manager HAS to be aware of how water affects the field health and supports the sustainable practices we should all be doing.

10) What does winning the Golden Cleat Award mean to you?

More humbling than you will ever experience. My friendship with all of these members has meant an unbelievable amount to me. I love that I can pick up the phone and call any of them, to ask questions I don't have the answers to. It is an honor to work with all of these professionals in helping them do better at what they do!





2017 ISTMA Membership Social

Cub Club Restaurant | 5:30 PM | Tuesday, January 17, 2017

The ISTMA will host an exciting opportunity to socialize with your peers and vendors during the 2017 Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show. On Tuesday evening following the Sports Turf Workshop, the ISTMA will be having a social in the Cub Club Restaurant, at Principal Park. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

Join the ISTMA for a great night of remembering the 2017 season with a short program and great networking!

Please RSVP on your conference registration or email to Shawn Fopma at shawn@iowaturfgrass.org.

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Preparing for the Future

By: Colin Stuhr, City of Iowa City

The growing season has come to an end and we can all take a deep breath and relax a little. And then, soon enough, start preparing for the next one. I could sit here and discuss putting your fields to bed for the winter, or look back at the good, bad, and the should have's this past season, but this time I have a different direction I would like to go.

Like many of you, I am an avid hunter. So, at this time of year we look forward to getting on the water to duck hunt or in a tree to wait for the big one to stop by. I look to take time off at this time of year to give myself the best opportunity to have a successful hunt and to hopefully get the trophy animal I have been waiting for. With that being said, I know that the end of the year is just as important as the beginning of the growing season.

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As is true for our facilities as well as many of yours, the event season has come to an end. With the end of the season comes the task of getting things shut down for the winter. Before attempting to take time off from work, I do my best to get most of the winterization process done ahead of time. Nothing ruins what is supposed to be a good vacation in the deer stand like feeling guilty for not being at work when your employees are hard at it. Having the right co-workers and employees ready and willing to step up and fill in with daily tasks, events, and important winterization processes is the key to success. Not only is it necessary for success, but it allows us all to let our minds stray from work a little bit and enjoy the time off that we deserve.

Having those co-workers and employees ready to cover for you while you are enjoying your vacation or hunting days doesn't just happen overnight, it begins the first day they show up for work. As a

mentor, I try my best to introduce each individual to every inch of the facility and teach my employees all of the little details there are to know to ensure we have a successful day and year. My ultimate goal is to make sure that each employee knows as much as I do by the time they are done working with me. Training new employees on the science of sports turf management is important, but it is not all that we need to cover with them in preparation for their upcoming careers in the industry. In order to have employees ready to cover us when we are gone, and eventually maintain their own turf and athletic fields at high levels, there are other skill sets we need to teach them. Our positions require us to be able to manage employees on a daily and weekly basis, keep an eye on current events, know what to prepare for future events, and communicate effectively

with the public, administration, and coaches. All of these skills are necessary for us to be successful, and they are the things we need to teach our employees to prepare them properly for their future.

I wanted to take this time to address this subject to ensure that you as an employer and mentor are training your employees and interns to prepare them for times when you may not be there. Having them ready to cover for you and take on different tasks gives them the ability to learn and you the chance to enjoy your much needed time off. In addition to covering for you, what you teach them will prepare them for their future. This future may be one in the sports turf industry or not, but the skills you teach them will assist them in whichever path they choose to take in life.



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Buying Decisions

By: Brent Smith, Floratine Central Turf Products

With all the holiday shopping that I have been doing for the last several weeks, I have found I am doing more and more of it online. Almost every gift or personal purchase that I have made this fall is from a computer or smart phone. Whether it's because I don't want to fight the crowds, or the ease of returns, or I'm just getting lazy, I'm not sure. The statistics in the media say the same thing, that every year more people are spending more and more money online. I'm not just talking about gift giving, or that pair of shoes, online purchases are filtering into nearly everything you buy! You can order groceries and have them delivered within hours to your house! This trend has gotten me thinking about our industry and how purchasing trends will affect all of our businesses.

I feel that my business is ahead of the 'curve' in bringing technology to the end user in terms of products and services, but not necessarily in terms of HOW customers find us and actually PLACE the orders. How does your particular facility (or marketing plan) hold up to the changing demands and purchasing decisions of customers? Are we as businesses equipped or adapting quickly enough to changing technology and ways end users buy our products and services? I would venture to say that most of us are behind the proverbial 'curve' on adapting to the latest buying trends.

Now, I would like to think that from my business perspective that there will always be a need for a sales consultant to call on you, the sports turf manager, for the many reasons that you all let us in the door: trouble shooting, expertise, trends, local issues, and so on. But at the end of the day you have a plethora of ways you can actually order and get products in the door. How are your customers and sports teams making their decisions of where to host the next game or tournament? Is it just location, or field conditions, or

ease of scheduling? There are probably a thousand different reasons, but the main question to me is how are they finding your facility and how easy is it for them to do business with you?

I struggle with many aspects of business ownership: marketing budgets, social media efforts, and order and delivery options. My main goal is to bring high quality products, service, and expertise to you all, but I am always thinking about how to make it as easy as possible to do business with us. I hope it is at the forefront of your marketing plan as well. It's a changing world, and those best prepared for change will be ahead of the game.

On a side note, I will be stepping down as the Exhibitor Director for ISTMA at the 2017 Iowa Turfgrass Conference. It has been a pleasure to work with the other board members and the Turfgrass Office over the last several years and to serve the membership. Thank you all for your friendship and support! Hope to see you all at Conference!



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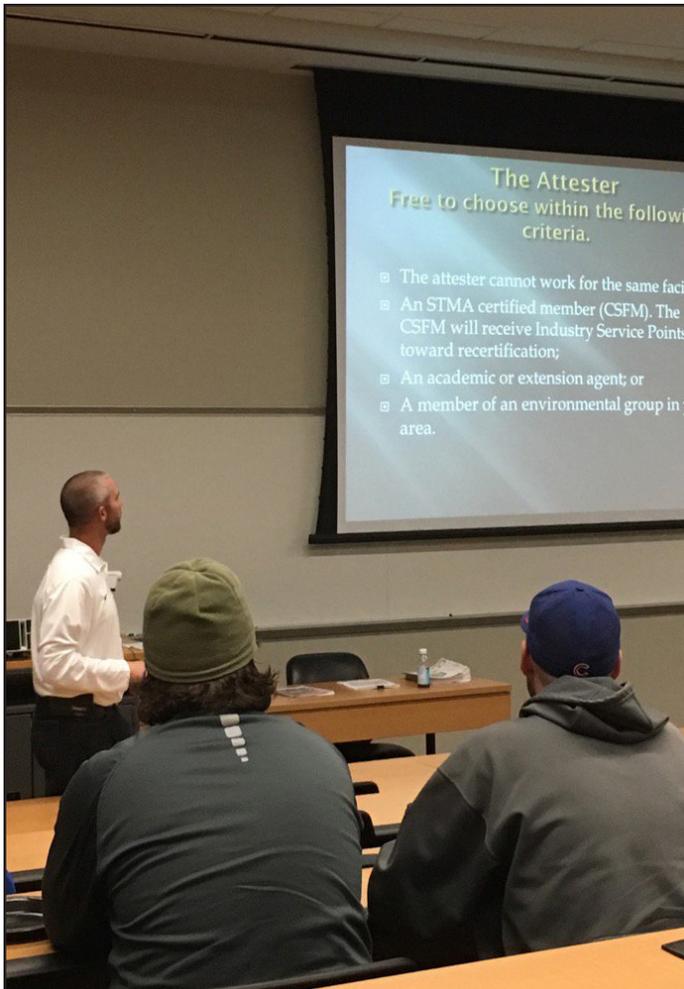
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Kirkwood's beautiful Horticulture Building played host to the Winter Workshop



Tim Van Loo, CSFM explains the process of becoming an environmentally certified facility



Jon Fitch, of Shive-Hattery, spoke about the process of updating Kirkwood's ballfields



Troy McQuillen led attendees on a tour of Kirkwood's campus and facilities



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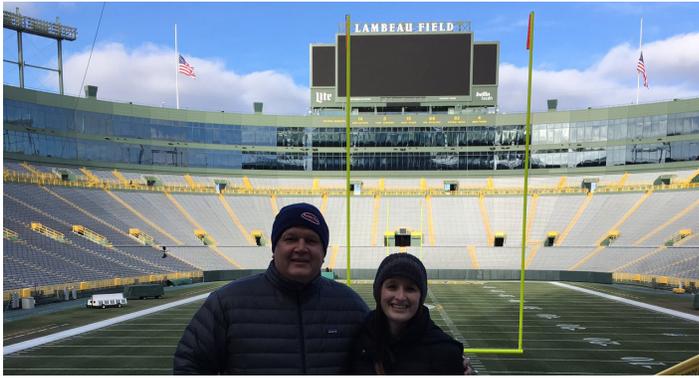
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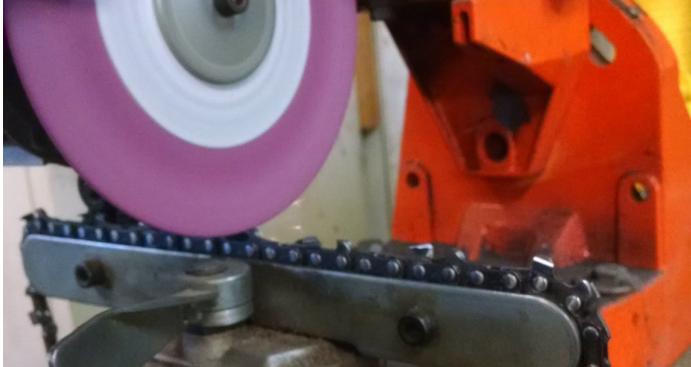
Mike Andresen @MandreseMike · Dec 10
Blessed to check a big one off the bucket list. Allen's got field perfect...ready for snow.



West Marshall Turf @DougW14 · Dec 8
Another learning exp. with pond repair. Making progress but freezing temps winning now. Started too late.



Patrick Wynja @PWynja · Dec 6
One of my favorite things to do....sharpen chainsaw chains



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Burlington, Iowa
Host: Paul Swafford

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Adel, Iowa
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Summer Workshop

Pella Sports Complex
Pella, Iowa
Hosts: Nunnikhoven & Vos

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Field Day Classic

Ballard Golf & Country Club
Huxley, Iowa
Host: Tyler Rabey

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JULY

Field Day

ISU Turfgrass Research Station
Ames, Iowa

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Fall Workshop

City of Sioux Center
Sioux Center, Iowa
Host: Lee Van Meeteren

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ITI Benefit Tournament

Elmcrest Country Club
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Host: Clayton Krieger

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa
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