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President's Message

By: Troy McQuillen, Kirkwood Community College



I am sure that everyone is staying busy with the fall season and hope that you are receiving some favorable weather conditions to execute all of your fall activities. At times I find myself scrolling through social media sites and I am impressed by the amount of information that is shared within our sports turf community. Many people will say that pictures are worth a 1000 words and I would agree that Iowa has a strong social media contingency that is not afraid to share the ups and downs to the fall season. Keep the posts and tweets coming, you have no idea on how that benefits others within our industry.

The board of directors will be meeting this November to put the final touches to the 2017 Iowa Turfgrass Conference education, talk about our strategic planning commitments, and focus on our committee reports. The Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show is right around the corner, where the ISTMA will get the opportunity to reconnect, organize, and educate our great membership. I hope that all are making plans to attend this year's conference.

Our last and final season's workshop is just around the corner. On December 1, Kirkwood Community College will host a day of informative speakers including both sports turf construction, OSHA training for our sports turf community, and presentations from our industry peers.

The board of directors is also working on updating the strategic plan for the ISTMA association. This will include both short-term and long-term goals for the organization that will shape the future. Many of you as members may be called upon to help provide feedback to the strategic plan and we will discuss and approve the plan this year's Iowa Turfgrass Conference.

I hope that you all enjoy the rest of your fall season and I look forward to catching up with everyone on December 1st.



Turfgrass Office Update

By: Randy Robinson, Chapter Executive

It's a busy time of the year here at the Turf Office. We are loaded with many board meetings, award nominations, scholarships, and of course the Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show. Just when the grass slows and you have more time to do other projects, we are kicking it into another gear and preparing winter education for you. Here are some details you should know about.

ISTMA Sports Turf Manager of the Year and Field of the Year Awards

The original deadline for these awards was Oct. 31, and in the interest of getting the best candidates possible, we have extended it to Nov. 4, 2016. Take time to nominate your field or a fellow sports turf manager for a job well done. Nominations can include, base-

ball, football, soccer, and softball fields. The deadline is a hard deadline, meaning anything received after Nov. 4 will not be eligible.

Visit <http://www.iowaturfgrass.org/istmaawards.htm> for nomination forms.

ISMTA Scholarships

Scholarship applications are due to the Turf Office by Oct. 31, 2016. If you have students working for you, please encourage them to apply for these scholarships. It's a great opportunity to earn some extra cash and be rewarded for their hard work in the classroom.

Visit <http://www.iowaturfgrass.org/istmascholarship.htm> for more information and applications.

2017 Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show

We are back at Prairie Meadows Event Center for the 2017 Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show. The conference dates are January 17-19, 2017. Look for complete information and registrations coming soon to your mailbox. We have an all-star cast of speakers for sports turf this year; you won't want to miss out on it. Call Prairie Meadows to book your hotel room under the Iowa

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ISTMA Winter Workshop

This year's Winter Workshop will be held on Dec. 1, 2016. Kirkwood Community College has graciously offered to host, and if you know Troy and Austin, it will be an amazing event. Look for more information to come out soon on this event.

ISTMA Silent Auctions

Items are needed for the ISTMA Silent Auction and for the raffle. Donations of any items are welcome: merchandise, tools, equipment, caps, shirts, logo items, autographed balls, cards or posters. You can drop off, send do-

nations for the Silent Auction at the Iowa Turfgrass Office, or simply bring them to the ISTMA Booth at Conference. Thanks for your support; the ISTMA Silent Auction is critical to the success of the ISTMA Scholarship and Education programs.

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in the ISTMA? Have you wondered how you could help or give back to a great association representing you and your job? The ISTMA is always looking for qualified candidates to serve on their board of directors. Please let a current board member know or call the Turf Office if you are interested. Have a great fall everyone, and remember, if you need anything, we are only a phone call or email away.



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Enjoy the Experience

By: Brad Thedens, City of Sioux Falls

As fall starts to move in, I'm sure most of you are like us up here in South Dakota, busy! It's the time of the year to get all that spraying, fertilizing, aerating, and yes, still mowing, done before Mother Nature puts a hold on us. So as you are buried deep in your work I would like to challenge you to think about some things that you can do at your facility to help kids "Enjoy the Experience".

I know that this probably sounds a little different to most of you so I'm going to give you a few examples of some things that we have done and heard feedback from. A few years ago we were approached about hosting a Nike Heartland regional cross country meet and after talking about things and finding a location we said, "Sure, bring it on." In talking to the event coordinator, she was asking if we could paint the course out for the runners, your typical white line thru the park - no problem. But I got to thinking that we could do something a little more since this was a rather large event that was coming to town. So I offered to paint a checker board finish line for them, nothing hard. Man, was that a hit! We got tons of compliments and the kids had to take their picture with it and everything. Over the years we have gradually added and made it a destination for runners and the event coordinator has told us that kids can't wait to

get here to run or see what the course is like this year. I know this sounds like not that big of a deal, but to these cross country runners they think it's the big stage for them. You can see by the pictures below that we didn't do anything really fancy, but just enough for them to really "Enjoy the Experience".

Another thing we started doing this fall was really a simple one. We have over 2,500 kids in our recreational soccer program, most of which are in the U/7&8 or U/10 age group. Well most games are played on Saturdays, but they do play some during the week. We decided to convert some of our large full-sized light fields into smaller U/7&8 or U/10 fields to let the kids experience what it was like to play under the lights. I really didn't think that this was going to be that big of a deal, but after the first night we received almost 30 emails from coaches or parents about how much their kids enjoyed playing under the lights.

Now I know that these seem like small deals for us as turf managers, but sometimes the small things really make and mean the most to the kids that are using your facility. So I hope that you're able to find some things to do yourself to help the kids "Enjoy the Experience" and in turn might help you broaden yourself in return.





Board of Directors Nomination Form

Have you ever thought about getting more involved with the ISTMA? Have you wondered how you could help or give back to a great association representing you and your job? Now is the time! The ISTMA is currently seeking interested individuals to serve on the board of directors. This year's open positions will be the Southeast Director and the Exhibitor Director.

Interested candidates should speak with a current member of the board of directors or contact Randy Robinson at the Iowa Turfgrass Office. Candidates should also provide a brief biography along with a picture and answer the following questions, which will be used in the December issue of the *Sideline Report* to help ISTMA members get to know you.

Candidates will be asked to attend the 2017 ISTMA annual meeting which will take place on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the Prairie Meadows Event Center, where members will vote on the open positions.

Which position are you seeking? Southeast Director Exhibitor Director

Name: _____ Facility Name: _____

Years as a sports turf manger? _____

Have many years have you been an ISTMA member? _____

Are you an STMA Member? Yes or No CSFM? Yes or No

Employment History (List dates, employer, and your title)

Personal Information / Family / Hobbies:

Education (Only necessary to list highest degree)

Goals as a board member (maximum of 75 words please)

Fischer Joins Kirkwood Staff



In July, Austin Fischer was hired as the new instructor of Golf Course and Athletic Field Turf Management at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. Austin holds an A.A.S. in Golf Course and Turf-grass Management from Kirkwood, and a B.S. in Horticulture from Iowa State University. He joins the team at Kirkwood after spending the last nine years at the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort; the last three of those as first assistant superintendent.

Austin brings 14 seasons of golf course experience to his position as instructor, with time spent on six different golf courses across the U.S. In addition to his teaching duties, he will play an integral part in the management of Kirkwood's athletic fields, intramural fields, and the

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ISTMA heads north for the Fall Workshop



Tim Van Loo, CSFM gives attendees simple ideas for maintaining fields throughout the year



Troy McQuillen explains how to use devices which measure moisture infiltration rate



Brett Hoyer, of Pioneer Athletics, explains the process of painting and scrubbing artificial fields

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Tom Heine, of Titan Tool, demos one of his line striping airless paint sprayers

Dry Skin?

By: Zach Smith, Council Bluffs Sports Complex

This season's long dry spells not only took a toll on our grass, but on our infield skins as well. We have ten ball diamonds that have skinned areas made up of the finely crushed limestone from Shakopee, Minnesota. This is a great infield material for our field use and maintenance capabilities and I believe it is used on many ball diamonds around this region of the country. When graded properly, this material does a great job of keeping the field playable after large amounts of rain. It has the ability to allow water to run through it while remaining firm. The downside of this material is that it dries out very quickly and can become very dusty. Therefore, it can require a lot of water to maintain great playing

condition.

Although we do not ever cancel games directly due to excessive dustiness, it does take away from the playability of the field. The drier the infield material gets, the more it seems to lose stability and become beach-like. This makes it easier for the material to be moved out of place and develop low spots. This can cause the infield to take water poorly and allow standing water which may result in losing games in rain events.

June is tricky for us because for much of the month we have about four games during the day on each field. Due to time restraints,

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we regularly use a mat drag pulled behind a cart to smooth the infield. This works well for us in getting the fields polished up between tournament games, but it tends to cause a rippling effect on the infields when they get dry and powdery. When time allows we use our Grounds Plane or Fieldmaster to eliminate these ripples and restore proper grade. These grading devices are more rigid than our mat drag and do a better job of moving material, filling in the low spots, and cutting down the high spots.

The key to keeping the infield material in place and preventing the beach and rippling effect is maintaining proper infield moisture. No matter what infield material you may be using, I believe it will require some moisture for prime playing condition. Here at our complex, Mother Nature did not offer much help with this in June, restricting us to just an inch and a half of rain for the month. This required us to rely heavily on our infield irrigation.

Seven of our ten infields are completely skinned with the other three having grass infields. The grass infields were each built with three Hunter I-25 irrigation heads installed in the grass along the collar dedicated to watering the large infield skin area. This works great on these three fields. The other seven completely skinned infields were built with five I-25's installed amongst the infield aggregate. This does not work very well. It seems impossible to keep these heads working properly as the aggregate tends to enter the heads and prevent them from popping, dropping, and rotating properly. To remedy this, we have installed a Hunter G-90 irrigation head in the center of the skinned infields. These heads are installed inside irrigation boxes with lids. This has been very effective for us in main-



taining proper moisture in our skinned infields. We have also installed a one inch quick coupler in the box along with the G-90 so that we have the ability to hand water if the wind greatly diminishes the coverage of the G-90.

We have found that it is very critical to install the G-90 with the top as close to grade as possible. We have even modified our irrigation box lids with a reciprocating saw to allow the head to be set even closer to surface level. This is important to prevent aggregate from being washed into the head which can prevent it from rotating or cause it to leak and do more damage than good.

I know of several people that just plug an impact sprinkler into a quick coupler at the center of their skin infield and that seems to work well for them. I'm sure that there are other good methods of managing infield skin moisture as well. I hope that you find this helpful in some way and that you would have a great fall!





Learn to be Preventative

By: Mary Sprecher, Sports Field Management Magazine

Fall is the best time to ready your field for winter conditions.

In many regions of the U.S., homeowners see fall as the big countdown to a time they can put away their mowers for the year. Sports field owners and managers, however, know they have a ways to go before they can lock the gate on the facility. Football, among other sports, will make sure of that. It's always a challenge to maintain healthy turfgrass as late as possible into the growing season – and it gets even

worse in areas where frost hits early.

Here are a few techniques field managers can use:

Overseeding: Often with perennial rye or transitional rye, overseeding is a common practice for maintaining winter color and cover for warm-season grasses and for increasing the turf density on cool-season grasses. Ryegrasses germinate and establish themselves quickly; newer varieties are drought- and cold-tolerant,

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<http://www.sportsfieldmanagementmagazine.com/maintenance/learn-to-be-preventative/>

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as well as durable.

Irrigation: Of course, irrigation has to continue, and will become increasingly important as the field becomes more vulnerable and less able to repair itself through growth. To help water infiltrate, make sure the turf is aerated to break up compaction.

Fighting the slowdown: Cooler temperatures will slow the growth of grass. That's an indisputable fact. The options for combating this fact can be limited by budget, as well as by the level of competition on the field. Some field managers, in cases of very high-performance fields, actually work to install heating systems within the rootzones of their fields. These systems consist of plastic tubing laid in loops on 6- to 9-inch centers. They are installed in pea gravel 10-12 inches below the field surface. In most cases, the loops run end-to-end over the entire field, although on occasion they may run side-to-side. The system moves heated glycol through the tubing, radiating into the rootzone above.

It's a great idea, but, for the manager charged with keeping a municipal or high school field in playable condition, it might not be feasible. Therefore, a variety of options exist for those with more modest budgets. The ever-popular practice of tarping the field at night often comes into play. A vented plastic tarp used overnight can raise the soil temperature enough to prevent freezing; however, remember that raising the heat and humidity level of the field can promote disease.

Until the soil temperature drops below 50 degrees, micronutrients and/or chelated iron may help the turf maintain its green color without spurring growth. But once temperatures drop to a point where encouraging turf growth is no longer practical, the use of field colorants will temporarily improve the appearance, but not the

performance, of a late-season field.

Winterizing Your Irrigation System

Since you wouldn't go through a freeze/thaw cycle with the hose bibs at your house turned on, extend the same logic to a field system. Particularly if the field is in an area of hard freeze, take all precautions to keep the irrigation system safe for the following system:

- Check each of the system components. Look for areas of weakness, loose connections, cracks, leaks or any other problems, and take the time to repair or replace those. Spring seems a long way off, but you won't want to deal with non-working fixtures with spring sports



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breathing down your neck.

- Drain the system using installed drains or a high-volume, low-pressure compressor or both. Only a knowledgeable person should attempt blowing out an irrigation system, because, if done incorrectly, this process can be dangerous.
- In some areas where cold temperatures and bitter winds desiccate the turf, it may be necessary to recharge the system, irrigate and re-winterize it in order to maintain field quality.

Winterizing the field

Fall is the best time to prepare the field for use in the spring. Good preparation can both help to protect the fields from winter damage and make the fields available for use earlier in the spring. Unfortunately, winterizing practices also optimally occur during fall season sports.

Therefore, developing a program for pre-winter activity will depend largely upon the availability of the field – and the date activity on it stops altogether:

For cool-season grasses, early fall fertilization

allows the grass plants to store carbohydrates to tide them over winter and spur new growth in the spring. Except in the North and Deep South, August, September and October are the recommended times for final fertilization. In the North, fall preparation may begin earlier.

For warm-season grasses, time the last fertilization before the first frost. The goal is to apply fertilizer once the grass shoots have slowed or stopped growing but while the soil is still warm enough and the roots active enough to take in the nutrients.

If the field has become overly acidic during the playing season, fall is the time to adjust the pH by the addition of lime. A soil test will be necessary to determine the rate of treatment.

By the late fall, the fields may be worn between the hash marks for football fields or around the goals for soccer fields and can look quite bare. However, well-maintained fields with strong soil and healthy root growth will still play well. Fall is the time to do the work to ensure the rootzone and grass will be ready for the spring season.

The fields will have become compacted through



use during the season. Healthy grass will continue to grow, but to survive and thrive over winter it will need more air in the soil. If it does not disrupt fall play, core aeration is recommended. Alternatively, a slice aerator will accomplish the same task with less disruption. If a slice aerator is used to minimize disruption to programming, once the season is over, the field should be cored and the cores dragged back in with a drag mat or a piece of chain link.

Next, if possible, the field should be dethatched. Depending on the amount of thatch, the field should be dethatched in four to 10 passes and may generate tons of material. After dethatching, the field may look very sparse.

Many sports field managers then trench the perimeter of the field to cut down on grass migration over the winter.

As mentioned previously, overseeding with perennial rye will provide winter color and help protect the bermudagrass from wear over winter. Treat stress areas with additional seed. In cool-season areas, dormant seeding of the normal turfgrass variety should follow dethatching. The success of dormant seeding will depend on good soil contact and preventing the seed from washing away during winter. Overseeding just prior to a practice or game allows players to cleat in the seed, ensuring good contact. Topdress after seeding if the budget permits.

Consider the use of a growth blanket to encourage germination, in warm-season areas for winter cover and in cool-season areas for earlier growth in the spring. Do a regular check under the blankets to ensure no mold or disease develops. (Alternately, a protective cover of weed-free straw or other material may be applied.) Finally, irrigate the field to set the seed and leave it resting for germination

once soil temperatures are consistently above 50 degrees.

Each of these recommendations and precautions should be documented carefully. If, upon re-opening the fields in the spring, a field manager sees unexpected success (or conversely, a lack of success in one area), it is helpful to have thorough records that will help him or her identify what worked and what didn't – in order to know what to do the following year. At the end of the day, a good journal of seasonal work is the most valuable weapon in the field manager's arsenal against the ravages of heavy use and inclement weather.

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2015 Football Field of the Year

At the Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show in January, Cory Jenniges and Mason City Mohawk Field were awarded the 2015 ISTMA Football Field of the Year award. After battling negative conditions for years, Cory installed an extensive drainage system and the results have been spectacular! Congratulations to Cory Jenniges and Mason City Mohawk Field on this honor!

1) How long have you been with Mason City Schools?

I have been at the Mason City Schools for seven years.

2) What are your responsibilities?

My responsibilities include: athletic field care, snow removal, district wide lawn care, landscaping, and anything else that needs to be done from day to day.

3) What type of staff do you have and what role do they play?

We have three full-time staff including myself. During the summer, we have college and high school kids that work for us. Our two full-time guys do a lot of mowing across the district, assist in painting fields, and projects above and beyond the daily schedule. The high school and college kids trim, assist in field set up, and do work orders for us so we can keep on task with the major things that need to be done on a daily basis.





7) What does it mean for Mason City Schools to receive this award?

It means a lot to us. It brings credibility to our fields. It helps to show that we take pride in our fields and safety is at the top of our list. I think it shows that we have a district that cares about our playing surfaces.

8) What is your advice to other sports turf managers?

You can't beat hard work! Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty. Take pride at all times in what you do. Everyone sees what you do. Have an eye for detail. Networking is crucial. Talk to people who have the experience. Don't be afraid to ask questions! Be able to adjust to the industry. It is always evolving. Have a passion and a love for what you do. Stay educated.

9) What do you like best about being an ISTMA member?

The thing I like the most about being a member of the ISTMA is all the great people I have met and the great people involved. It is a great educational and networking tool.

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Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association Field of the Year

PURPOSE

To recognize the excellence of sports fields maintained in Iowa. To show appreciation for the Sports Turf Manager and staff's efforts in leading the Sports Turf industry into the future. The Iowa Sports Turf Manager's Association, by sponsoring this award, wishes to promote excellence in management of sports fields and the turf industry. Please include pictures of the field with your application and letter.

CRITERIA

- Located in the State of Iowa
- Resourcefulness of staff, budget, maintenance practices, challenges in the management of the athletic field
- Condition & aesthetics of the athletic field
- Number and type of games and/or events
- Previous recipients may reapply if all requirements/applications are met.

This award will be presented at the ISTMA Annual Business Meeting at the Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show in Des Moines in January.

Nomination Form

Please PRINT CLEARLY or TYPE information requested below:

Field Type: Baseball Softball Football Soccer

Name of school, park district, or agency: _____

Address of school, park district, or agency: _____

Name of Manager: _____

Address of Manager: _____

Phone Number of Manager: _____

Name of Newspaper(s) to send Press Release: _____

- 1) Current reasons for nomination of the field/fields (i.e. current sports turf field conditions, major projects, aesthetics, etc.). Please provide a written letter of explanation on why the field/fields should be recognized as ISTMA Field of the Year.

I certify that the information in these nomination papers is true, current and complete.

Name of Nominator (Please Print Legibly)

Signature of Nominator

Position of Nominator

Phone Number of Nominator

We ask that this nomination paper be co-signed by other permanent co-workers or by other members of the Iowa Sports Turf Manager's Association.

Co-Signed: _____

Co-Signed: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

**Mail to: Iowa Turfgrass Office, 1605 N Ankeny Blvd Suite 210, Ankeny, Iowa 50023-4163
Deadline: October 31**

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association Sports Turf Manager of the Year

PURPOSE

To recognize a Sports Turf Manager for their professional ability and contribution to the sports turf industry of Iowa. To show appreciation for the individual's efforts in leading the sports turf industry into the future. The Iowa Sports Turf Manager's Association, by sponsoring this award, wishes to promote excellence in management of sports fields and the turf industry.

CRITERIA

- Be professionally engaged in a management position in the sports turf industry.
- Level of contribution by the turf manager to the sports turf industry.
- Management performance: i.e. current sports turf field condition, work ethic, creative skills to enhance his/her facility, maintenance projects participation.
- Contribution to the local community.
- Previous recipients may reapply if all requirements/applications are met.

This award will be presented at the ISTMA Annual Business Meeting at the Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show in Des Moines in January/February each year.

Nomination Form

Please PRINT CLEARLY or TYPE information requested below:

Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

Phone Number of Nominees: _____

Name of school, park district, or agency: _____

Address of school, park district, or agency: _____

Name of Newspaper(s) to send Press Release: _____

- 1) Current reasons for nomination of this applicant (i.e. current sports turf field conditions, major projects, work ethic, job performance, etc.). Please provide a written letter of explanation on why the nominee should be recognized as ISTMA Turf Manager of the Year.

I certify that the information in these nomination papers is true, current and complete.

Name of Nominator (Please Print Legibly)

Signature of Nominator

Position of Nominator

Phone Number of Nominator

We ask that this nomination paper be co-signed by other permanent co-workers or by other members of the Iowa Sports Turf Manager's Association.

Co-Signed: _____

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**Mail to: Iowa Turfgrass Office, 1605 N Ankeny Blvd Suite 210, Ankeny, Iowa 50023-4163
Deadline: October 31**

Miller Hired as New Hawkeye Professor



My name is Douglas Miller and I was recently hired as the new Landscape and Turf Management Instructor at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa.

I started my career in the turfgrass industry in 1998 when I began working for

Oleson Sod Company, located west of Cedar Falls, Iowa. It was this first experience of working to maintain and eventually harvest high quality turfgrass sod that got me interested in pursuing a career in the turf and landscape industry. I enrolled in the, then named, Horticulture program at Hawkeye Community College and began to develop my academic understanding of turfgrass management. After graduating I continued to work in the industry doing lawn care and commercial pesticide applications. After a couple of years gaining experience working in landscaping and turf, I continued my formal education in turf management and graduated from Iowa State University in 2008.

Upon receiving my Bachelor of Science degree from ISU, I continued to utilize my education by completing high-end residential and commercial landscaping projects. In the previous five years, I have worked in the golf course maintenance side of the turfgrass industry. Before being approached by Hawkeye Community College regarding a teaching position, I had been employed by the City of Cedar Falls as the assistant superintendent for

Pheasant Ridge and Walters Ridge golf courses.

Throughout my career I have gained both formal and practical education in numerous segments of the landscape and turf industries. I have worked in sod production, lawn care, landscape construction, campus maintenance, and golf course operations.

I am excited about my new position at Hawkeye Community College and eager to build upon the program by both increasing recruitment and instilling confidence in the students. It is my goal that the graduates of the Turf and Landscape program are ready to take the knowledge they have gained and are well trained to advance their careers. I hope to take the experience and education I have acquired and use it to prepare students to enter into what we all know to be a challenging yet rewarding career.



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2016 Calendar of Events

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Spring Workshop

Burlington High School
Burlington, Iowa
Host: Paul Swafford

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MAY

Extension Fundraiser

Hillcrest Country Club
Adel, Iowa
Host: Paul Mayhugh

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JUNE

Summer Workshop

Pella Sports Complex
Pella, Iowa
Hosts: Nunnikhoven & Vos

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JULY

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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SEPT

Fall Workshop

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

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SEPT

ITI Benefit Tournament

Elmcrest Country Club
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Host: Clayton Krieger

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DEC

Winter Workshop

Kirkwood Community College
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Host: Troy McQuillen

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JAN

Iowa Turfgrass Conference

Prairie Meadows Event Center
Altoona, Iowa

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What's happening on Twitter?



Lee Van Meeteren @DougW14 · Aug 13
First time painting artificial turf turning out pretty good but not exciting about taking it back off



Michael Murphy @SweetCornMurph · Oct 5
Bates painted up for homecoming #sportsturf #istma #iccsd



U of I Grounds Crew @IowaSportsturf · Sep 23
New home plate being installed at Duane Banks Field



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