

Harry C. Gill Memorial Award

Harry C. Gill was one of STMA's Founders and its second President, serving in that capacity in 1982-1983. His commitment to the sports turf profession and his desire and efforts to nurture the young STMA organization are legendary among those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

The Harry C. Gill Memorial Award was established to honor an individual for their hard work in the sports turf industry and to acknowledge their dedication to STMA. Harry himself became the first recipient of the Award. Traditionally, nominations for the Harry C. Gill Memorial Award have been made by STMA members – other than the nominee – to acknowledge an individual for “long-standing service to the STMA”.

The award itself is a rather unique piece of art, depicting a groundskeeper armed with the tools of his trade: a rake of hope; a hose of determination; a shovel of passion; a hoe of dedication; and a smile of spirited uncertainty as he rides off into the unknown atop a horse named desire.

Criteria for the award

- STMA Membership
- Dedication to the improvement of sports turf
- Outstanding ability and commitment to the sports turf industry
- Professional involvement and service to the STMA on a local, regional and national level
- Professional leadership in promoting STMA, its members and the sports turf industry
- Contribution of written communications in articles, magazines, manuals, legislation and/or research