

George Toma Golden Rake Award

George Toma is one of the Founders of STMA, one of its supporters and has served and continues to serve as a mentor for many of those in the sports turf industry. He continues to emphasize the importance of the entire crew in effective sports turf management. He also has proven that starting from the ground up, it's possible to achieve your highest goals – if you love what you do and give it your all – and then some.

To honor all that Toma has achieved and to keep the “and then some” spirit growing and thriving within STMA, the George Toma Golden Rake Award has been established.

This award is to be issued annually to someone who is on that quest to reach their goals.

The George Toma Golden Rake Awards acknowledges the superior performance of a sports turf crew member in “on the job” activities and in community service.

Nominees must meet the following Criteria:

- Member of STMA
- At least two years of service in a sports field-related position
- Job performance that consistently meets or exceeds expectations
- Work ethic that consistently meets or exceeds expectations
- Offers ideas and brings creative skills to the department in a professional manner
- Assists in additional non-job related sports events and activities for the community

Is a true believer in the “and then some” tradition of grounds maintenance