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Allow me to introduce myself. For those who don't know me... my name is Brian McBride. I grew up in a small farm town (Beloit, Ohio), which is about 30 minutes away from Canton, Ohio. After graduating from High School, I became enrolled at The Ohio State University in 1993 where I obtained a Bachelors Degree in Agronomy. Yes, I am a proud Buckeye!!

My first taste of Colorado was coming out on ski vacations while in college and I knew from that point on that I wanted to someday live here. In 1997, I did a six-month internship at The Club at Cordillera in the Vail Valley. That summer gave me the appreciation for all Colorado has to offer- the skiing, biking, hiking, fishing, golfing, sporting venues, and blue skies. Once I graduated, I began my career in the turf industry working on some great golf courses in Ohio and Arizona such as The Golf Club, Chaparral Pines, and Desert Mountain. In 2006, I finally had an opportunity to move to Colorado and start a business becoming a distributor. Nervous about doing something completely new such as owning a business, I was also excited about the new challenges and opportunities that I would soon be facing. After almost 4 years later, I have no regrets and enjoying my new career here in Colorado with growing Mile High Turfgrass, LLC.

Coming from more of a golf course background, I have been amazed at working with some of the premier athletic fields in the state. I have equally been impressed as well with the CSTMA events such as "The Lawnmower Open" (my favorite) and some educational seminars. From speaking with many of you, I have enjoyed learning more about the challenges and diversity that sports turf managers face and deal with on a daily basis. I am excited to get more involved with the CSTMA not only to obtain a better understanding of this industry, but also to hopefully become a valuable resource for all its members as well in the future. I appreciate the opportunity to run for the CSTMA Board of Directors as a commercial representative, and hope to be of service in any capacity throughout the future. I wish you all a great 2010 growing season!

Sincerely,

Brian McBride