SAFE Focus is Sports Turf Specific

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE) was created by the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) to provide research, educational programs and scholarships geared to sports fields.

As part of our mission, SAFE is dedicated to supporting students focused on the profession of sports turf management through our scholarship program. Scholarship funds are earmarked for students of two-year programs, students in four-year undergraduate programs and for grad students. Along with the scholarship monies, each scholarship includes registration for the 2004 STMA Annual Conference, to be held in San Diego, California, January 21-25, and up to $500 toward travel and lodging costs for attending the Conference.

Information on the SAFE Scholarship program is posted on the STMA website: www.sportsturfmanager.com. Click on 'About Us,' go to the SAFE Foundation, and visit the Scholarship section for the link. Student application packets may be downloaded from the site, or students and/or educators may request that packets be faxed or mailed by calling 800/323-3875. Hard copies of the packets are automatically sent to all STMA student and educator members.

As with our scholarship program, the SAFE Foundation believes in pro-active research and education. We are dedicated to fund the kind of research that sports turf managers need to improve the playing surfaces they oversee. Our close relationship with STMA provides an excellent perspective of the needs of today’s sports turf managers. At the same time, STMA’s sports turf managers and educators are the experts in the industry and will be capable of leading our research and education efforts. SAFE also recognizes that research must be effectively disseminated to professional turf managers and volunteer turf practitioners. Thus, our goal is to fund sports turf research and education.

The SAFE Foundation has much work to complete before it can supply the sports turf industry with the desired level of programs. Additional funding is needed to fulfill the scholarship, research and education arms of our mission. Your willingness to consider the SAFE Foundation’s request for funding is truly appreciated.

We would like to answer any questions or requests that you may have. Contact Steve Trusty (Steve@st.omhcoxonmail.com) for information.

Want to help us start a Sports Field revolution?
Contact Steve Trusty at 800-323-3875 for more information on how you can make sports fields SAFE!

SMOOTHER CUT

The John Deere 1445 front mower is powered by a 31-hp, diesel, liquid-cooled Yanmar engine, which provides increased fuel economy, quieter operation, lower exhaust emission levels, and quicker starting, says the manufacturer. Made to withstand a lot of wear and tear, the 1445 has a high-strength, tubular steel frame; heat-treated, nodular cast-iron front and rear axles; heavy-duty, dual hydraulic cylinders; a cast-iron rear bumper; and a composite hood.

John Deere/800-537-8233
For information, circle 133 or see www.oners.ims.ca/2082-133

RIDING MOWERS

Land Pride’s new Razor Pro Series of riding mowers incorporates the convenience of 44- or 52-in. deck sizes with commercial features like a twin cylinder gasoline powered engine, 11 gauge deck reinforced with 11 gauge doubler plate and heavy-duty push arms on the mower deck. An individual hydraulic motor powers each rear drive wheel for commercial like traction and maneuverability.

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3-CYLINDER MOWER

Mega-Max by Yazoo/Kees is a large frame, mid-mount zero turn mower available with three Daihatsu engine options; 27-hp diesel, 34-hp turbo gas, or 34-hp turbo diesel. Cutting deck constructed with 7- and 10-gauge steel, available in 61- or 72-in. widths. Machine has six adjustable rollers to protect turf on uneven terrain.

Yazoo/Kees/877-368-8873
For information, circle 124 or see www.oners.ims.ca/2082-124