for sport fields CAN NOT be maintained without irrigation." He also did a
calculation describing our aeration practices. It showed that if you aerify
with 1/2-inch tines on 4-inch centers, the results would be a removal of only
1.23- percent of the surface. This last comment is remarkable when you think
what your field looks like after an aeration. You would swear
it was much
more.
This portion of the field day was filled with an enormous amount of infor-
mation. All of the attendees I talked with left with many new ideas and a
much better understanding of their turf and changes they will attempt to make
in the future to their fields.
Following Dr. Stier two raffle prizes were drawn. The Great Wolf Lodge in
Wisconsin Dells donated two packets of 4 passes, which Jerry Ramseyer from
Frontier FS and Ron Hazzard from the University of Wisconsin-Superior won.
Thank you Great Wolf Lodge and Craig Schundler for this donation.
After a terrific lunch the entire group made their way to Lambeau Field
where we were treated to a tour of the new facility. All I can say was WOW,
the renovation is very impressive. Thank you to all the Packer Staff for
this opportunity.

STMA Chapter News

Florida Chapter # 1: The Chapter will participate in the Florida Turfgrass
Association Show to be held in Tampa September 8-10. A Sports Turf Tour is
scheduled September 8 with a Free Trade Show Day September 10. For
more details on the FTCA show, call FTCA at 800-852-6721. The Chapter will
meet October 21 at the City of
Pinecrest. The educational focus for this event is "Ovenseeding Bermudagrass
Athletic Fields." For information on the
Chapter, or pending activities, contact
John Mascaro at 954-341-3115 or
STMA@Turf-Tec.com.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers
Association (OSTMA): The Chapter's
Fall Field Day 2003 will be held
September 9 at the OSU Intramural
Complex (Fred Beckman) in Columbus.
Now is the time to prepare you applica-
tions for the OSTMA Educational
Scholarship Program, STMA National
Conference Scholarship Program, and the
OSTMA Field of Distinction Award.
See the OSTMA newsletter or website
for details.
For information on the Chapter, or
upcoming events, contact
OSTMA Headquarters at 888-824-9805 or 419-
824-9805 or Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's
website at www.ostma.org.

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:
The Chapter's General Meeting, includ-
ing the Nominations for 2004 Board
members, will be held September 10 at
2:00 PM at Mt. San Antonio College.
The speaker for this event will be
announced soon. The Chapter will hold
its General Meeting and Election for
2004 October 22 at 3 PM at the
Japanese Garden of Cal State University
- Long Beach.
For information on the Chapter or
pending events, call Steve Dugas,
California State University - Fullerton, at
714-278-3929 or email sdugas@fullert-
on.edu.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers
Association: The Chapter's Fall Field
Day will focus on strategies for High
Use, Low Budget Fields. It will be held
September 10 at Kansas City, KS, Parks
and Recreation. More details will be
announced soon. The Chapter also will meet at the Kansas Speedway and
Community America Ballpark from 8:00-
3:00 PM October 15. Registration begins at 7:30 AM. This will be a unique
opportunity for a behind the scenes tour of the Kansas Speedway. Following
lunch in the infield garage area, atten-
dees will tour the new Community
America Ballpark, home of the Kansas
City T-Bones Baseball Club. Look for
more details in August.
For information on the Chapter, or
upcoming events, call Jody Gill at 913-
239-4121 or jgill2@bw229.k12.ks.us.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers
Association: The Chapter will hold a
September 17 workshop at North Scott
Community School.
For information on the Iowa
Chapter, or upcoming activities, contact
Jeff Wendel of The Turf Office at tel.
515-232-8222, or fax 515-232-8228, or
e-mail: jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

Midwest Chapter STMA: The
Chapter will hold a Baseball Field
Maintenance Seminar at the
 Schaumburg Flyers facility in
 Schaumburg September 19, with the
event repeated on Saturday, September
20. This will be a hands-on workshop

The Toro Foundation steps up to bat for SAFE

The Toro Foundation has issued a grant in support of the
Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE), noting
the following:

"The Toro Foundation is pleased to make a donation in the amount of
$8,500 in support of research that supports sports turf managers and
volunteer turf practitioners. On behalf of The Toro Company, thank
you for your efforts toward improving the playing surfaces across the
country.
"This grant, along with a $3,500 scholarship award given earlier this
year, brings The Toro Company support of your work to $12,000. We
value your organization's contributions to the industry and are proud to
be a supporter of your efforts."
SAFE was created by the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) to
provide research, educational programs and scholarships geared to
sports fields. SAFE greatly appreciates the grant from The Toro
Foundation and The Toro Company’s support of the scholarship pro-
gram.

The SAFE Foundation believes in pro-active research and educa-
tion. 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 recog-
nizes 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.
Also, as part of our mission, SAFE is dedicated to supporting stu-
dents focused on the profession of sports turf management through our
scholarship program. Scholarship funds are earmarked for students of
2-year programs, students in 4-year undergraduate programs and for
grad students.
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.

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!

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