



## 2003 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The **SAFE Foundation** recognizes that the future of the industry lies in the education, dedication, and commitment of outstanding students such as these scholarship recipients. The Scholarships will be awarded January 23 at the Sports Turf Managers Association's (STMA) 15th Annual Conference and Exhibition Awards Banquet in San Diego.

Funding for the SAFE scholarships comes from STMA members through their participation in the Jacobsen-sponsored SAFE Golf Tournament and the Raffle, Silent and Live Auctions at the Association's Annual Conference, and through special contributions to SAFE earmarked for the Scholarship fund. In addition to the monetary award, all of the SAFE, Dr. Fred Grau and Dr. James R. Watson Scholarship recipients are provided with full registration to the STMA Annual Conference and up to \$500 toward their expenses to attend the Conference.

The \$500 Dr. Fred Grau Scholarship, since 1997 designated for the students of 2-year technical programs or community colleges, will go to Tim Hackett, Michigan State University.

Two \$500 SAFE Foundation Scholarships, designated for students of 2-year technical programs or community colleges, will be presented. They will go to Timothy

Burns, the University of Massachusetts - Amherst, and Tina Rose, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture - Curtis.

The SAFE Foundation will award five \$1,000 scholarships for undergraduate students of 4-year College or University programs. The Scholarships will go to: David Bicknell, Texas A & M; Daniel Kizziah, Mississippi State University; Elsworth Ray Sayre, Jr., Eastern Kentucky University; Jeremy Thomas, Penn State University; and Todd Tribble, Clemson University.

The first of two scholarships established by The Toro Company in the name of long-time green industry researcher and consultant Dr. James R. Watson, a \$1,000 scholarship, will be issued to undergraduate student Nick McNamee, who is enrolled in the 4-year program of Colorado State University.

The second Dr. James R. Watson Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship designated for a graduate student, will be issued to J. Tim Vanini, Michigan State University.

One SAFE Foundation \$1,500 Scholarship, designated for graduate students, will go to Travis Teuton, University of Tennessee.

For information on SAFE or the SAFE Scholarship program, please contact Steve Trusty at 800/323-3875 or via email at [SAFE@st.omhcoxmail.com](mailto:SAFE@st.omhcoxmail.com).

## 2003 STMA Field of the Year and Sports Field Complex of the Year Award Recipients

The Field of the Year and Sports Field Complex of the Year Awards will be presented January 23 at the Sports Turf Managers Association's (STMA) 15th Annual Conference and Exhibition Awards Banquet in San Diego. These Awards are the highest honor STMA bestows upon a facility.

STMA is a not-for-profit international association of more than 2,500 sports turf professionals from schools; colleges and universities; parks and recreation and municipal facilities; and professional stadiums; from research, teaching and cooperative extension personnel; and representatives of commercial affiliates who unit in promoting better and safer sports turf areas. The Association and its affiliated chapters collect and disseminate scientific, educational and practical knowledge on the science of growing turfgrass and art of maintaining fields to produce safe and aesthetically pleasing playing surfaces.

Field of the Year and Sports Field Complex of the Year entrants must supply information on the design of the facility, the uses of the facility that impact the playing surface, the organization of the maintenance program and innovative solutions used to overcome playing surface problems. Photos of specific areas of the field must be provided to document the playability and appearance of the playing surface. Each of the five judges on the Awards committee review the entrants independently, grading them on each aspect of the criteria. The results of the independent input of the five judges determine the recipients of each of the awards.

### **BASEBALL FIELDS OF THE YEAR**

#### **2003 STMA Baseball Field of the Year in the Professional division**

First American Bank Ballpark, Midland Rockhounds, Midland, Texas  
Monty Sowell, Head Groundskeeper

#### **2003 STMA Baseball Field of the Year in the College/University division**

Hawks Field Haymarket Park, University of Nebraska/Lincoln, Nebraska  
Dan Bergstrom, Athletic Turf Manager

#### **2003 STMA Baseball Field of the Year in the High School/Parks division**

Cape Fear High School, Fayetteville, North Carolina  
Terry Nance, Instructor

### **SOFTBALL FIELDS OF THE YEAR**

#### **2003 STMA Softball Field of the Year in the College/University division**

Alberta B. Farrington Stadium, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona  
Pete Wozniak, Athletic Facility Manager

#### **2003 STMA Softball Field of the Year in the High School/Parks division**

Oran Good 5, City of Farmers Branch, Farmers Branch, Texas  
F. Jeff Fuller, Director of Parks and Recreation

### **SOCCER FIELDS OF THE YEAR**

#### **2003 STMA Soccer Field of the Year in the College/University division**

George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia  
Michael Sullenberger, Sports Turf Manager

#### **2003 STMA Soccer Field of the Year in the High School/Parks division**

Olmsted Field, City of Westbrook, Westbrook, Maine  
Lance Tibbetts, Deputy Director - Recreation Department

### **FOOTBALL FIELDS OF THE YEAR**

#### **2003 STMA Football Field of the Year in the College/University division**

Scott Field, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi  
Bart Prather, Sports Turf Manager

#### **2003 STMA Football Field of the Year in the High School/Parks division**

Robinson Field, Henderson Stadium, Wesleyan School, Norcross, Georgia  
Jon DeWitt, Director of Grounds Maintenance

### **SPORTS FIELD COMPLEXES OF THE YEAR**

#### **2003 STMA Sports Field Complex of the Year in the College/University division**

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia  
James R. Rodgers, CSFM, Sports Field Manager

#### **2003 STMA Sports Field Complex of the Year in the High School/Parks division**

Central Winds Park Complex - City of Winter Springs, Florida  
Chuck Pula, Director, Parks & Recreation