



Tee it up for charity in Phoenix

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE) was created by the Sports Turf Managers Association to provide research, educational programs, and scholarships geared to sports fields. For the 5th consecutive year, Jacobsen, A Textron Company, is sponsoring the SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament. This event will be held in conjunction with the 16th Annual STMA Conference & Exhibition, January 19-23, 2005 in Phoenix, AZ.

The shotgun-start, scramble format tournament will be played Wednesday, January 19, at the magnificent Lookout Mountain Golf Club at Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs, where you can enjoy challenging play and spectacular scenic beauty. Visit the site www.pointehilton.com for more information. Registration fees include greens fees, cart, and lunch. Proceeds from this tournament help support the SAFE scholarship, education, and research funds. Last year, this Jacobsen-sponsored event brought in \$12,000 to the Foundation.

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. 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.

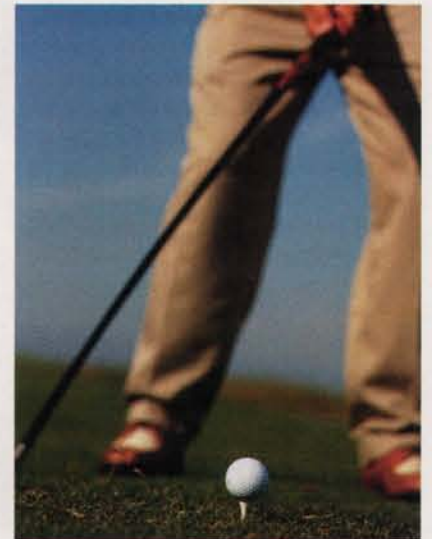
Also, as part of our mission, SAFE is dedicated to supporting students focused on the profession of sports turf management through our scholarship program. Scholarship funds are earmarked for students of 2-year and 4-year programs, and for graduate students.

The SAFE Foundation has much work to complete before it can supply the sports turf industry with the desired level of programs. And we are truly thankful to Jacobsen for their continued support of our cause. Your willingness to consider the SAFE Foundation's request for funding is also truly appreciated.

For more information on the SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament, check out the STMA website at www.sportsturfmanager.com or contact the STMA Show Office at STMA@newportevents.com or call Andrea Dillinger at 1-866-84 STMA3.

For information on the SAFE Foundation, contact Kim Heck at SAFE Headquarters at either kheck@sportsturfmanager.com or at 800-323-3875.

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Auctions Combine Fun with Funding

Now is your chance to help the future of our industry, STMA, and the SAFE Foundation by helping to fund the scholarship program through your contribution of items for the SAFE Live and Silent auctions and the Raffle. These events all will take place at the STMA Conference in Phoenix January 19-23, 2005.

Tom Curran, STMA member and Florida STMA Chapter President, also is an award-winning auctioneer. Tom has been organizing and running this auction for SAFE and urges everyone in the sports turf industry to contribute something to these great fund raising events. Items such as memorabilia, autographs, clothing, vacation packages, and equipment all help raise funds for this great cause. The 2005 Live Auction will be held January 20 from 8:00-9:00 PM at the close of the trade show. The Silent Auction will take place on the trade show floor on Thursday, January 20 and Friday, January 21. Join in for the Fun. Raise Funds for the future of the industry.

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.

All items that you donate to SAFE are tax deductible. Items should be sent to STMA Show Office, 28 Pelham St., Newport, RI 02840. Or, to save on shipping and handling, send a description of your donations Tom Curran at CTomSell@aol.com, and bring them with you to the Conference. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Tom via email. **ST**