



TURF TIDY

For use with a tractor of 20 hp or more, the Redexim Charterhouse Turf Tidy is designed to follow the ground's contours, ensuring a clean, even pick-up. The turbo fan makes a clean sweep of leaves, pine needles, paper and grass clippings, and the large hopper means less time emptying. Redexim Charterhouse/800-597-5664. For information, circle 071 or see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-071>



ECHO BLOWER

The PB-751 features a 63.3-cc commercial engine that delivers 620-cfm air volume and 205-mph air force at the pipe. Other features include a posi-loc pipe connection system, a 68-fluid-oz. fuel tank, an automotive-type commercial air filter, and comfortable operator ergonomics. Echo Inc/800-432-ECHO. For information, circle 078 or see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-078>

MULTI-PURPOSE VACUUM

The Billy Goat SV50HR Quiet Vac with a 5.5-hp Honda OHV GXV engine combines power and quiet operation on both turf and hard surfaces. Features include a front-load filter bag that empties front or rear; exhaust air is directed down and away from the operator's face; and a spanner wrench is all it takes to customize the SV for turf or hard surface use. Billy Goat Industries/816-524-9666. For information, circle 073 or see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-073>



SAFE Scholarships need applicants!

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE) was created by the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) to provide scholarships, educational programs, and research geared to sports fields. Scholarships are a key part of this program.

Significant scholarship funding is available for 2004 thanks to the funds raised through the combination of the Jacobsen-sponsored SAFE Golf Tournament and the Raffle, Silent and Live Auctions that took place at last January's STMA Conference. The SAFE Board has authorized the allocation of up to \$18,000 in direct Scholarship dollars and funds toward travel and lodging expenses to allow the recipients to attend the STMA 2005 Conference in Phoenix January 19-23, 2005.

Scholarships are available for those in Community College or other 2-year programs, for those in undergraduate programs, and for graduate students. Along with the monetary award of the scholarship, each recipient is provided with registration to the 2005 STMA Conference, and up to \$500 to be applied toward travel and lodging expenses related to attending the Conference. The scholarships are presented at the Awards Banquet, which will be held on Friday evening, January 21, at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix hotel.

Scholarship application information and application forms are sent right after Labor Day each year directly to STMA Student and Educator members, as well as to two and four year Colleges and Universities offering turf programs. These materials also are posted in the SAFE section of the STMA website or may be

requested by phoning 800-323-3875.

The SAFE Foundation Board of Trustees recognizes the fact that SAFE has much work to complete before it can supply the sports turf industry with the desired level of programs and it continues to move forward on following the parameters set to help SAFE meet its goals.

Additional funding is needed to fulfill all three arms of our mission: the scholarship program, research, and education. SAFE's major thrust for 2004 is seeking greater funding for sports specific research, finalizing the research criteria, and beginning assessment of research projects for funding. The Board continues to make positive steps in all of these areas.

It is the intent of the SAFE Board and the SAFE Research Committee to identify key areas of research needs and then solicit these needs to the researchers. Thus it is important that this information on key areas of research needs come from STMA members, STMA Chapters, and other sports turf managers. SAFE will focus on research that is applicable and repeatable so it meets the needs of sports turf managers. Progress has already been made on the research criteria and development continues on the forms for research grant applications.

A safe, playable field is the strong foundation of any game. Working together, we can build the SAFE Foundation into a strong resource for sports turf managers around the world. Contact SAFE Headquarters (SAFE@st.omhcoxmail.com) with your ideas and for more information on making contributions to the SAFE Foundation. **ST**