



SAFE Auction Update: "Do I hear \$15?"

Each year The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE) conducts two auctions at the Annual Conference and Show. The proceeds from these auctions fund the STMA Scholarship program and in the future will help to build our research and education fund. In 2005, \$11,000 in scholarships and \$6,500 in continuing education and travel were awarded through SAFE.

The Silent Auction will be held January 19, 2006, from 4 to 8 PM on the Trade Show floor at the Veracruz Exhibit Hall at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center. Hundreds of items will be available for silent bid.

The Live Auction immediately follows from 8-9 PM. Last year, lucky bidders walked away with turf equipment, a football helmet signed by Peyton



Manning, and highly prized sports memorabilia, all at a fraction of market cost.

You can be more than a buyer. Consider providing items for the auction. Nothing is too small or insignificant and you can ship them in advance or bring them with you to the conference. Typical items have included sports team logo merchandise, turf products and equipment, sporting goods, and sports collectibles. For more information on how you can contribute to the auction, please contact Tom Curran, 954-786-4138 or CTomSell@aol.com, or Steve Torske, 402-472-4638, storske@huskers.unl.edu.

Please make this auction a solid fundraiser for SAFE. You may also make a tax-deductible contribution to SAFE by adding a donation to your STMA membership dues on the renewal application, or by sending a check to SAFE, c/o STMA Headquarters, 805 New Hampshire, Ste. E, Lawrence, KS 66044.



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STMA Calendar

- Dec. 4-6** American Sports Builders Association Technical Meeting, Tampa, (STMA Board Member Jay Warnick, CSFM, is presenting)
- Dec. 5-7** Baseball Winter Meetings, Dallas, (STMA Board President Mike Trigg, CSFM, presents the Sports Turf Manager of the Year Award during the Annual Awards Luncheon)
- Dec. 6-8** Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association Conference and Trade Show, Denver, (STMA Board Secretary Abby McNeal, CSFM, is presenting) Ohio Turfgrass Conference and Show, Columbus, (STMA CEO Kim Heck is presenting)
- Dec. 8-9** New Jersey Green Industry Expo, Atlantic City, (STMA President-Elect Mike Andresen, CSFM, is presenting)
- Dec. 12-14** Texas Turfgrass Association, San Antonio, (STMA President-Elect Mike Andresen, CSFM, is presenting)
- Dec. 15-17** National Association of Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Conference, Orlando, (STMA is an NIAAA education partner and STMA Board Secretary Abby McNeal, CSFM, is presenting)
- Dec. 16** Last day for the STMA Conference early registration discount. Rates increase on Dec. 17.
- Dec. 30** Ballots to elect the 2006 STMA Board of Directors due to Headquarters.
- Jan. 1, 2006** The redesigned [ITAL]SportsTurf[END ITAL] magazine debuts.
- Jan. 5-7** American Baseball Coaches Association, Chicago, (STMA President Mike Trigg, CSFM, to attend)
- Jan. 12-14** IAAM International Stadium Managers Conference (ISMC), Tampa, (Board Member Jay Warnick, CSFM, is presenting)
- Jan. 18-22** STMA Annual Conference & Exhibition, Disney's Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
- Feb. 6-11** Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Conference and Show, Atlanta, (STMA exhibits)