

bermudagrass green-up or bermudagrass injury when using these products. Diclofop is only labeled for use on golf courses and should not be used in sports fields. Most of the ALS-inhibiting products control some broadleaf weeds, so consult individual product labels for weed spectrums. Also, ALS-inhibiting herbicides will take from 1 to 4 weeks to control perennial ryegrass; be patient.

Using herbicides to aid spring transition is a valuable tool for sports field managers. However, there will be a short period of time when the perennial ryegrass is dying and the bermudagrass is filling in, that overall turfgrass quality may decrease to unacceptable level. With that said, a fertilizer application will decrease the time that it takes for the bermudagrass to fill in (assuming there is no winterkill). The use of chemical transition aids can increase the overall bermudagrass quality during the summer, which equals a better playing surface for the following fall when it is time to overseed with perennial ryegrass again. ■

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John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: White objects on turf

Turfgrass Area: Soccer field

Location: Nashua, NH

Grass Variety: Kentucky Bluegrass/
Ryegrass Blend

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John Mascaro's Photo Quiz
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Jacobsen matches golfers' donations

By Patrick Allen

Ninety-five of the one hundred forty-four golfers scheduled to play in the cancelled SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament donated all or part of their registration fees to the Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE). Additionally, Jacobsen has generously pledged to match 50% of the \$11,797 donated by the players, meaning a total of \$17,695 has been raised for SAFE. Without a swinging a club or posting a score, the would-be golfers and Jacobsen have made the tournament a tremendous success for another year.

"Having to cancel the tournament for the first time was disappointing for us," says Karla Cuculi, Jacobsen's Director of Marketing Communications. "However, we felt that through matching the donations of the individuals and companies scheduled to compete, Jacobsen could still contribute to the SAFE Foundation at a level similar to years past."

Since the inception of the tournament, the field has grown from fewer than 80 to a full tournament of 144 golfers. "Jacobsen originally hoped to establish a reliable source of income for the SAFE Foundation, and to be able to expand that source in the future," says Monty Montague, regional sales manager out of Phoenix, and organizer of the tournament. Montague continues, "Looking at the numbers, it seems that has been accomplished, and we look forward to hosting a full field in future tournaments."

The prizes that were to be presented to the flight winners were auctioned off in the SAFE Live and Silent Auctions, bringing in more than \$2,000. Montague and his staff worked the crowd on the STMA Exhibition floor, asking people to match the donations of the winning bid for Taylor Made drivers and "rescue" clubs.

The Seventh Annual SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament was scheduled for January 17 at the Quarry Golf Club in San Antonio. The Quarry would have provided a unique golfing experience; the entire back nine plays on the floor of a 100-year old limestone quarry. This golf experience is something that Jacobsen tries to provide for the players each year. "Courses like ChampionsGate last year, which hosts PGA players for the WorldPoints Father/Son Challenge every fall, are always fun. Next year in Phoenix, there are some amazing courses that we are considering, and the players will not be disappointed," says Montague. Jacobsen scours the region hosting the STMA Conference and Exhibition each year for a top-100 course and sometimes one that hosts the PGA Tour.

"One thing is certain; Jacobsen is committed to this tournament and helping the SAFE Foundation to attain its goals year-in, year-out," says Cuculi. SAFE, the students it supports, and the STMA members who tee it up each year couldn't be happier.

Jacobsen manufactures a full range of turf maintenance equipment and vehicles for golf courses, sports fields, and municipal grounds applications. The company markets Jacobsen brand products internationally

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

A **Answer:**
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The white objects on the turf are mushrooms. This park was created on a former landfill but the landfill was not the culprit for the unexpected mushroom population boom. The landfill was properly capped with an impermeable membrane along with state of the art air scrubber for landfill gas collection.

Drainage lines then were installed over top of the membrane and 14 inches of soil, which was comprised of 65% sand and 35% loam mix with an the organic content of 5-8%, was brought on site. The project was completed in late fall by installing the soil mix but the sod was not put down until a warm Christmas Eve.

When spring came around the sports turf manager was greeted at the park by thousands of newly sprouted mushrooms. As it turns out, some of the organic matter in the soil mix came from compost that apparently also had a few mushroom spores within it. The sports turf manager reduced the amount of irrigation and continued his mowing and after 5 weeks, the mushrooms went away and have never returned.

Photo submitted by Nick Caggiano, Superintendent, Parks & Recreation Department, Nashua, NH. ■

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