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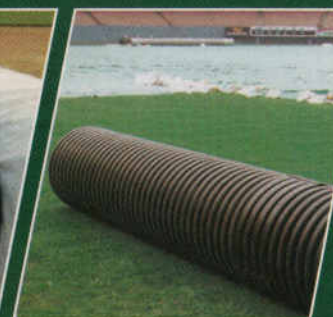
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RIDING MOWERS

Here's a list of manufacturers that provide riding mower options to the turf industry:

Ariens/Gravely (WI)	(800) 678-5443	John Deere (NC)	(800) 537-8233
Bad Boy (AR)	(870) 349-2967	Kubota Tractor (CA)	(888) 458-2682
Country Clipper (IA)	(800) 344-8237	Kut-Kwick Corp. (GA)	(800) 248-5945
Cub Cadet Commercial (OH)	(877) 835-7841	Land Pride/Great Plains (KS)	(888) 987-7433
DewEze Mfg. (KS)	(800) 835-1042	Lesco (OH)	(800) 321-5325
Dixie Chopper (IN)	(800) 233-7596	Locke Turf (AL)	(800) 537-3713
Dixon Industries (KS)	(877) 288-6673	Maxim Mfg. (MS)	(800) 621-2789
Encore Mfg. (NE)	(800) 267-4255	National Mower (MN)	(651) 646-4079
Excel Industries (KS)	(800) 395-4757	New Holland (IL)	(630) 260-4000
Ferris (NY)	(800) 933-6175	Power Trac (VA)	(800) 843-9273
Grasshopper Co. (KS)	(620) 345-8621	Rich Manufacturing (IN)	(765) 436-2744
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Heckendorn Equipment (KS)	(800) 835-7805	Swisher Mower (MO)	(800) 222-8183
Honda Power Equipment (GA)	(800) 426-7701	Terracare Products (WI)	(608) 429-3402
Howard Price Turf Equip. (MO)	(314) 532-7000	Toro Co. (MN)	(800) 348-2424
Husqvarna (NC)	(800) 487-5969	Walker Mfg. (CO)	(800) 279-8537
Ingersoll Equipment (WI)	(920) 582-5000	Woods Equipment (IL)	(866) 869-6637
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Scag Power Equipment/920-387-0100
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see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2913-075>



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Dixie Chopper/785-CHOPPER
For information, circle 076 or
see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2913-076>

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NEW LAZER Z XS

Exmark has expanded its Lazer Z line of mid-mount zero-turn commercial mowers with the Z XS. Powered by the new Vanguard 31-hp "Big Block" V-twin engine, the unit uses heavy-duty frame and drive system components to harness the new engine's increased power and torque. When paired with Exmark's UltraCut deck design, available in 60- or 72-in. widths, the Lazer Z XS can cut up to seven acres per hour. A two-post, foldable Roll-Over Protection System (ROPS) is standard.

Exmark Mfg. Co., Inc./402-223-6300
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Produced by Wiedenmann, Terra Combi is the new, ground-driven product line for turf regeneration. The modular system has a base frame serving for mounting and employing various working tools so you can: decompact the soil down to a depth of 8-in., remove thatch by means of verticutting tines, slit to 5 in., aerate to a 3 in. by means of hollow tines, drag-in sand using the brush combination, as well as over-seed.

Wiedenmann USA/912-790-3004
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see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2913-073>

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The Grasshopper Co./620-345-8621
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STRIPING AND PRODUCTIVITY

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Toro/800-803-8676
For information, circle 079 or
see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2913-079>



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Turf Teq, LLC/866-503-8873
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Toro/800-348-2424
For information, circle 064 or see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2913-064>



NEW PRODUCT!

VERTI-DRAIN REBUILD KITS

Redexim Charterhouse now offers two types of rebuild kits for their current line of Verti-Drain deep-tine aeration units as well as for most older units. The Minor Overhaul Kit includes instructions and parts to rebuild the drawrods and tine heads. The Major Overhaul Kit includes those plus parts to rebuild the crank and bearing supports.
Redexim Charterhouse Inc/800-597-5664
For information, circle 072 or see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2913-072>

HUSTLER MINI

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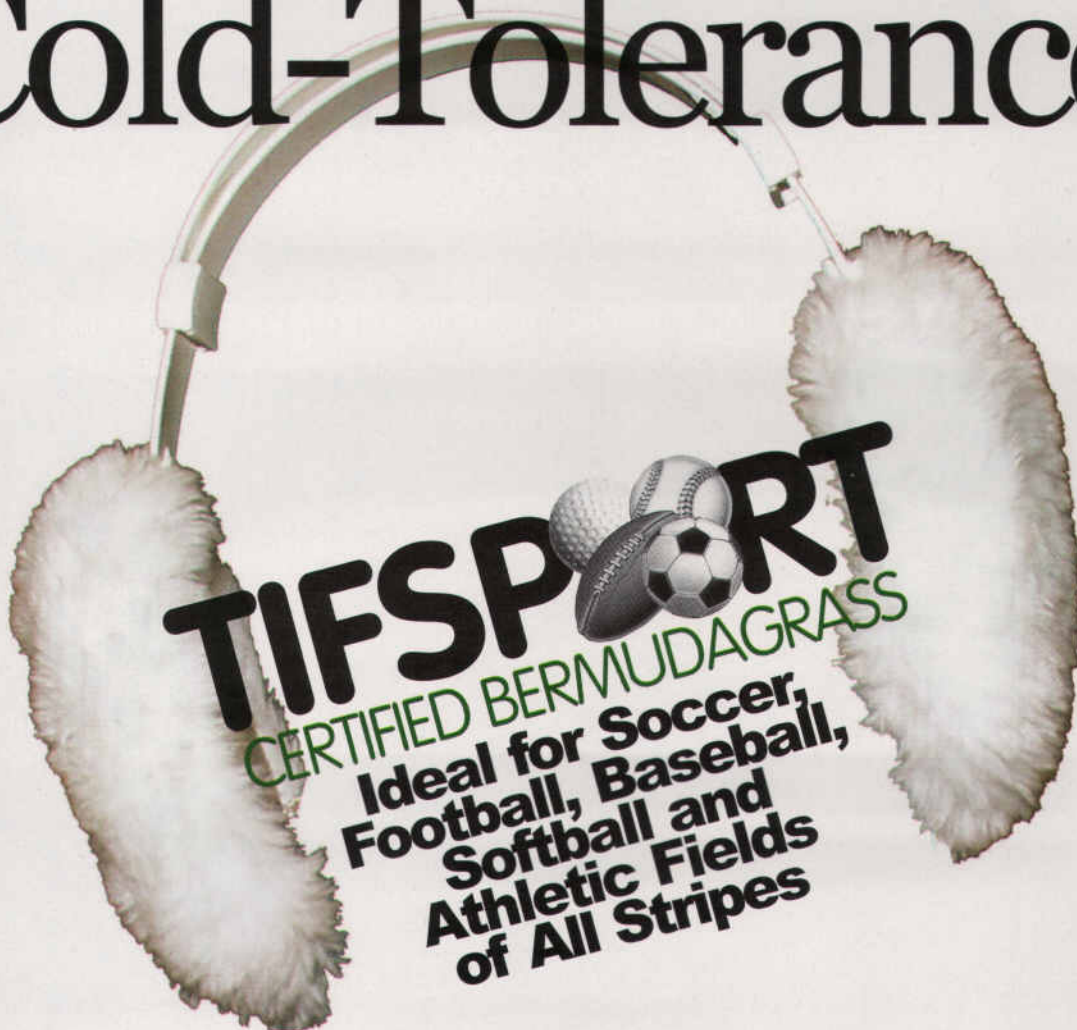
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Tru Mark Athletic Field Marker/800-553-MARK

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Better Outdoor Products

866-290-7295

For information, circle 082 or see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2913-082>



BOBCAT DONATES EQUIPMENT

Bobcat Company is supporting "a child's right to play" by donating use of equipment to KaBOOM!, a non-profit organization that helps build playgrounds throughout the US.

"We saw this as an incredible opportunity to get involved on a local level with a worthwhile cause," said Gary Hornbacher, North American marketing manager for Bobcat. "We rely on our dealer network to donate and deliver the equipment, and we couldn't be more proud of our dealers for being so enthusiastic and generous with their time and resources."

KaBOOM! has built more than 600 community playgrounds and raised over \$20 million since its start in 1995. Any individual or community who wants to build a playground can apply for assistance by visiting www.kaboom.org and answering 10 questions in the playground planner section.

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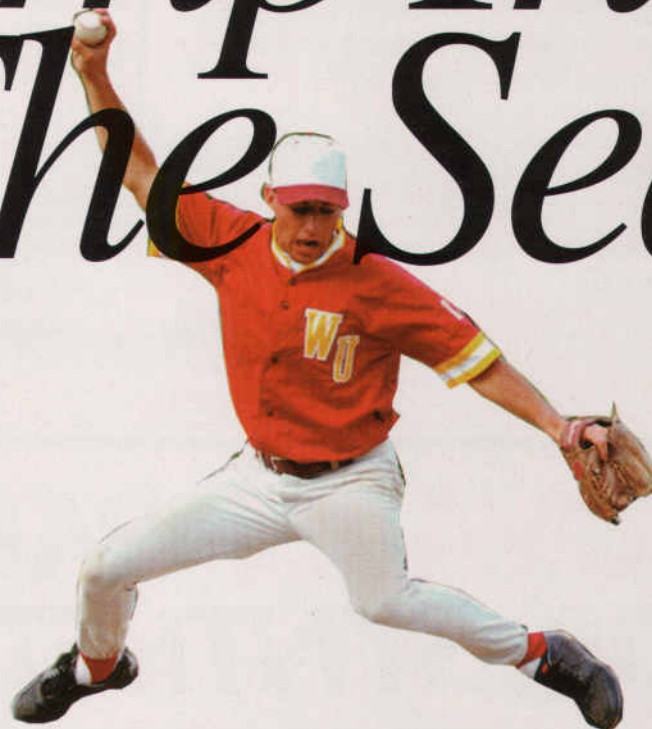
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Encore Power Equipment/800-267-4255

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Swisher's UTV Universal Mounting System, like the ATV system, is designed to allow the user to quickly change between various Swisher accessories. For a complete system the user must have a 2x2 front receiver on their UTV, a Universal Receiver Mount Kit, and one or all of the various Swisher accessories. The Universal Mount System and accessories are available separately. Swisher/800-222-8183
For information, circle 081 or see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2913-081>



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John Deere's turf utility mower, the 2653A, features wide, low profile turf tires and hydraulically driven reels on self-propelled, three-gang cutting units. The standard configuration includes an 18-hp, liquid-cooled diesel engine; Micro-Lap backlapping; 3WD; power steering; and hydraulic weight transfer. The 18-hp, 3-cylinder, liquid-cooled diesel John Deere Series 220 engine is designed to reduce internal noise and provide the high torque necessary for heavy loading conditions. John Deere/800-537-8233
For information, circle 070 or see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2913-070>

CLUB CAR UTILITY VEHICLE

Club Car has introduced the Carryall 294 4x4 utility vehicle, which uses an exclusive IntelliTrak system to deliver fully automatic, on-demand 4x4. The system continually senses driving conditions and automatically engages and disengages 4-wheel drive without requiring the driver to stop and shift gears or lock differentials. The vehicle is available with a 20-hp, Honda gas- or a 20-hp, 719 cc Kubota diesel-powered engine. Club Car/800-800-1227
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John Deere/800-537-8233

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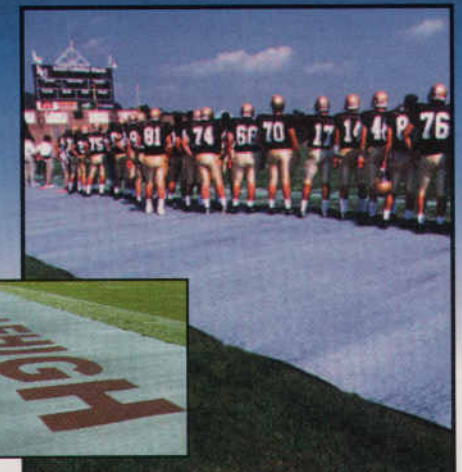
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Managing low-budget soccer facilities

BY KEVIN I. MEREDITH

That headline an oxymoron you say? How in the world can someone even think that working with a low budget is beneficial? The answer is in the eyes of the beholder; it's a matter of perception. Focusing on the benefits of managing a low budget facility can help you overcome the job's shortcomings.

Keep in mind that first and foremost, the goal (no pun intended) of a soccer field maintenance program is the safety of the players and fans. If you think about it, the low-budget facility has the huge advantage in fan seating; more than likely there is none!

Experienced soccer parents and fans know this and carry chairs and blankets with them. I can think of three advantages of having little or no seating: Maintenance is reduced with one less area to trim and clean; without permanent seating there is one less object for a player to injure him or herself on; and, a spectator cannot slip or fall off bleachers that are not there.

Wow! What an advantage it is to be small budget.

Here is another benefit of managing a low budget facility [DASH HERE] any improvements you make are more likely to be noticed and praised. It is a lot easier to continue to improve a lower budget facility where the changes are more noticeable. Larger facilities expect and demand high quality conditions. The bar is set much higher and any improvements are harder to notice.

It is also a winning situation if the weather cooperates and your turf remains green and lush for a month longer than normal. The same conditions on high-end fields wouldn't make much difference at the end of the month. The rain in this case makes you a hero and little difference in the other. This is what is meant by, "a matter of perspective."

Low budget does not mean that low spots and divots on the field are not filled. It does not mean that goals are not secured and goal areas dressed on a regular basis. What it means is that people exhibit an entirely different expectation level when comparing low and high budget fields.

Take irrigation for example: On fields with irrigation systems the expectation is for thick lush well-groomed turf. No one looks at the maintenance and time invested in operating that system. They don't look at the liability of the heads in the ground or the initial cost of the system. If you do not have irrigation none of issues are of any concern. What is a huge plus it is to be a low-budget manager.

Another area that can be seen as a benefit is the type of mowing equipment and the frequency of mowing. With just one small (25-35 hp) tractor, and a 6-foot rear mounted finish mower you can do all the fields and perimeter areas. With the same tractor you can aerate, drag a mat to break down the cores, use a hopper spreader for fertilizing and if need be, mount a 3-point hitch sprayer for pesticide applications.

If you are really lucky you will have a loader for the front to help with repairs on the field. It is considerably less expensive, and less complicated, to have one major piece of equipment rather than deal with multiple units. Speaking of mowing, on a high profile field where the expectations are almost unrealistic the turf is mowed three times a week. Low budget might be happy with four times a month. High budget fertilization is once a month, low budget might be twice a year.

When it comes to field markings the low budget facility wins hands down. Short of permanent lines it is possible to have long lasting lines by using solvent



based paints rather than water based. The solvents kill the grass plants that they are applied to. Water based paints adhere to the leaf surface and grow out with the leaf. When mowed the portion of the leaf with the paint is mowed off and repainting becomes necessary. Think about having to paint the fields once a month rather than once a week. That is not being lazy it is being efficient. It does not compromise safety and saves a heck of a lot of time.

The adage "time is money" certainly applies to managing a low budget facility. Without a lot of money available creative ways to save time are invaluable. One way to enhance your manpower situation is to enlist some volunteers. There are many parents that would be more than happy to help raise the quality of the turf that their children play on. It is up to you to share your passion with them. Passion is infectious.

Another great way to aid your cause is to ask for donations if people cannot give their time. It is amazing how willing people are to give to a cause that they think is noble and just. The most important part of the volunteer and donation system is the thanks received during and at the end of a project. A few pizzas and some soda go a long way in fostering good will and repeat help. If no one else in your organization rewards them make it your job to do it. A couple of dollars out of your pocket will save you hours of time.

Educate yourself and anyone else that will listen about growing and maintaining healthy turf. Join STMA or your state turf grass organization. Go out and meet others that take care of turf for a living. Network like crazy.

Finally, remember Passion, Pride and Perseverance. Passion is the energy source to accomplish your dreams. Pride is the reward felt for accomplishing your dreams. Perseverance is the tether that holds your dreams. All three P's work together to help you accomplish your goals. **ST**
Kevin Meredith is owner and turf manager at the National Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, NY.