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### SMITHCO SUPER STAR AFC

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The Super Star is loaded with features, including an advanced highly-responsive hydraulic drive system and hydraulic controls for all implements. The 16 HP gasoline engine is powerful, air-cooled and operates with a surprisingly low sound level. Offered with a newly designed scarifier with exact depth control and step-through chassis, tilt-steering wheel and mid-back seat for operator comfort. Patented "Speed Boss", set by the superintendent, governs conditioning speed.

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Association cooperation in New England

Nick Caggiano, park superintendent for the City of Nashua, NH, and vice president of the New England Sports Turf Managers Association (NESTMA), said more than 150 attendees benefited from NESTMA's aligning with the New England Parks Association (NEPA) to present the 2005 Northern New England NEPA Turf Show last June. "Since most of our members live in the lower half of New England most of the training is available there, and it's tough for some members to get to those meetings. "We hope it will become an annual premier training opportunities for turf managers in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine," said Caggiano. "We pooled our resources and membership lists so we'd be inviting anyone who cares for athletic fields. Getting together to discuss common problems is valuable."

NESTMA president David Pinsonneault, public grounds supervisor for the Town of Lexington, MA, is also a member of NEPA. "We've always moved our field days and workshops around the region, and after NEPA had an event the previous year, we wanted NESTMA to tie in to lend our expertise, bring the sports turf element into the ed programs. "NEPA was good to work with and I think that good partnership will continue in the future," Pinsonneault said.

The group also toured the Double A Portland Sea Dogs' stadium, and met with vendors at a small trade show.

"Marcia Noyes from NEPA had the idea and it was really her program," said Caggiano, who also is a member of the parks association. "It took lots of planning, and Marcia, Lance Tidbets (STMA Board member from Maine), and Matt Tobin of Pioneer Manufacturing deserve a lot of the credit for pulling it off."

NESTMA became an official chapter of STMA last winter. "We have more than 200 members so the arrangement will benefit both organizations," he said.

The event was held in Portland, Maine at the Portland Expo, with sessions held at Fitzpatrick Stadium, Hadlock Baseball Field and Deering Oaks Park. Despite the cold and damp weather, more than 100 attendees and 28 vendors made their way to the workshop. Turf managers traveled from as far as Nantucket, MA and Hartford, VT. The event also featured delegates from MIT and Boston College.
Marcia Noyes of Yarmouth Community Services, said, “It was very exciting to work on this unique training opportunity with both the NEPA and NESTMA organizations collaborating efforts to provide a positive training experience for the participants in this region.”

Matt Tobin added, “We hope to be able to move forward in the future with other collaborative efforts.” The planning committee for this event was led by Noyes and featured Tobin, John Barry, Nick Caggiano, Cindy Hazelton, Rick Perruzzi, Joel St. Pierre, and Lance Tibbetts.

Some of the sessions at the Turf Show included multi-purpose grass field diagnosis, rehabilitation and post care; Baseball Field mound building, batter’s box maintenance, infield and edging; painting Super Bowl logos on natural grass; painting, paint removal, disinfecting and grooming artificial turf; athletic field lighting design and maintenance; and AA Baseball League Q & A.

At the Multi-purpose Grass Field Diagnosis session, John Mascaro, President of Turf-Tec International, presented a step by step guide to growing healthy athletic turf. John spoke about soil sample analysis, soil compaction analysis, aeration programs, infiltration reading, determining soil moisture percentages and mapping athletic fields for soil moisture. For more information on the topics discussed in John Mascaro’s session, visit the Turf-Tec International web site at www.turf-tec.com.

Lance Tibbetts of Windham High School and June Boston of the Boston Company held a session on Multi-purpose field rehabilitation. Their session included the following topics: budget constraints, seed vs. sod, equipment to be used, proper aeration techniques, overseeding, topdressing fertility need for renovations, and how to drag, seed and topdress. For more information on this session and the other sessions, contact a member of the planning committee to be directed to the session facilitators. ST

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One challenge the renovation team faced was location of the fields. Because the project is located on the site of a former capped landfill, it was necessary to mitigate any potential settlement problems by carefully detailing the field profile and specifying non-traditional construction techniques. This included special site preparation techniques featuring deep dynamic compaction and a combination of static and vibratory rolling as well as the inclusion of a special heavy-duty woven geotextile base to mitigate subsurface settlement.

The team of geotechnical and civil engineers led by Geller Sport determined that infilled synthetic turf would be the best option in order to alleviate the stresses placed on the fields due to foot traffic. The newly renovated project, with a price tag of $3.4 million, includes a new and expanded parking lot to accommodate 232 cars, a tot lot and picnic area, and a fitness and nature trail through adjacent meadows and wetlands. The existing topsoil of the original fields was stripped and reused to create spectator and planting mounds to screen the fields from neighboring residential properties as well as to prevent unwanted vehicles from driving on the synthetic turf.

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