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>> CHAD LAURIE, head groundskeeper for the Buffalo Bisons, (left) won an iPad at the STMA Conference from exhibitor Barenbrug USA. At right is Christiaan Arends, Barenbrug USA's turf product manager.

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FOUNDERS AWARDS

The week's events were capped off by STMA's Annual Awards Banquet on Friday evening, where the association's highest honors are presented. The Founders Awards for 2011: Dr. William H. Daniel Award – **Dr. Leah Bril-man**, Seed Research of Oregon; George Toma Golden Rake Award – **Tom Nielsen**, Louisville Bats; Dick Ericson Award – **Darian Daily**, Paul Brown Stadium; Harry C. Gill Memorial Award – **Mike Andresen, CSFM**, Iowa State University

SCHOLARSHIPS

SAFE was created to provide research, educational programs, and scholarships geared to sports field specific endeavors. The level of scholarship funding has steadily increased since the scholarship program's inception in 1999 and since the scholarship program's beginning, SAFE has awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarship and travel to the STMA Conference and Exhibition.

A panel of seven judges independently scored each entry based on each student's academic preparation, experience in the sports turf management industry, professional goals, extracurricular activities, and input from academic advisors and employers. Each student also wrote an essay describing his or her background and career aspirations.

Scholarship recipients had their financial aid

mailed directly to their university, with a check made out jointly to them and their schools financial aid office.

Graduate Scholarships: Dr. James Watson Scholarship - \$1,500 Matthew Williams, Ohio State

SAFE Graduate Scholarship - \$1,000 Matthew Elmore, Tennessee, & Matthew Hollan, Tennessee

Four Year Scholarships: Dr. James Watson Scholarship - \$1,500 Evan Sears, Kentucky

SAFE Undergraduate Scholarship - \$1,000 Nicholas Fisher, Ohio State; Travis Hohlbein, Ohio State; Logan Horne, Virginia Tech; Stephen R. King, Penn State; Zachary Peterson, Purdue; Steven Vonderheide, Purdue

Two Year Scholarships: Dr. Fred Grau Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500 Chris Romo, Mt. San Antonio College.

SEMINARS ON WHEELS

"The STMA Seminar on Wheels committee put together two great days of tours and more than 300 attendees enjoyed them," said Jeff Salmond, CSFM, director of athletic field management for the University of Oklahoma. "With the support of the Greater LA Basin Chapter of STMA, attendees were able to get

STMA Affiliated Chapters Contact Information

STMA installed its 34th affiliated chapter during the Chapter Officers Training Session held at the STMA Annual Conference and Exhibition in Long Beach last month. The Oklahoma Chapter STMA met all of the requirements to become an affiliated chapter. Its steering committee includes Jeff Salmond, CSFM, Justin Moss, Monte McCoy, Todd Tribble, Sergio Lopez and Jeff Gazaway. Welcome to STMA, Oklahoma!

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