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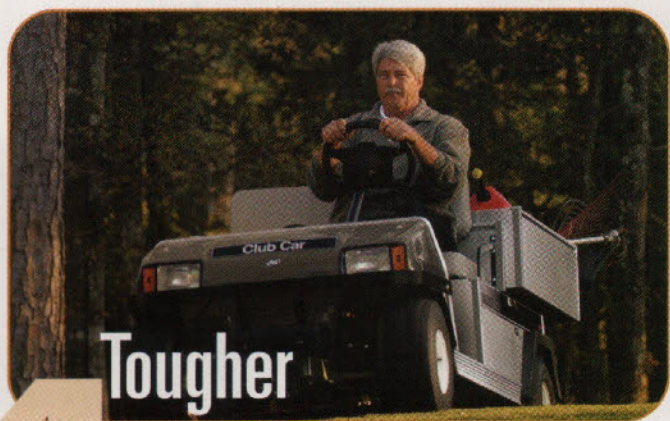


3 SideWinder power rake

3. The SideWinder Power Rake from Turf Teq, LLC is a tool for all types of soil preparation. The unit features a 36-in. wide drum. The pivot angle of the drum can be adjusted to the left or right from the operator position. The unit also features a hydrostatic transmission, 13-hp Honda engine and on-the-go differential lock.

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Husqvarna

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Blustery conditions, giving spirit characterize SAFE/Jacobsen golf tourney

By Patrick Allen

Windy conditions and a tough course made for scarce scoring opportunities at the Sixth Annual SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament held January 18 at the ChampionsGate Golf Club in Orlando. However, the most notable statistic of the day was not posted on the leader board. The tournament raised an astonishing \$17,515 for the Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE), a new record for the event. In his 4 years with Jacobsen and at his third golf tournament, Joe Zvanut, Jacobsen's sales promotion specialist, has seen the field grow from fewer than 80 to 138 participants this year and seen the money grow as well. He said, "The object of the tournament is to have a reliable source of income for the SAFE Foundation that is expandable for the future."

Jacobsen, a Textron Company, has been sponsoring the SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament at the STMA Conference and Exhibition for 6 years, with Zvanut and Monty Montague, regional sales manager out of Phoenix, spearheading the recent efforts. Zvanut said that Jacobsen originally got involved with the tournament solely because of the SAFE Foundation. When asked what specifically drew Jake to SAFE Zvanut said, "We feel that SAFE espouses the same commitments and beliefs that we hold at Jacobsen. We strive to provide the finest turf on earth, and we feel that dovetails quite nicely with SAFE and its commitment to educating the turfgrass professional."

Each year, Jacobsen scours the region where the STMA Annual Conference and Exhibition is being held, seeking out a top-100 course or a course that hosts a major event, sometimes even a PGA Tour stop. The World Points Father/Son Challenge took place at ChampionsGate in December 2005. With the STMA Conference being in San Antonio

next year, there will be a multitude of potential hosts. One option is The Quarry, famous for its back nine that plays in the bottom of a 100-year-old quarry pit.

By scheduling the event at these prestigious venues, according to Zvanut, "Jacobsen hopes to provide all the golfers with a unique golf experience on a course that they may not normally get to play." With 44 years of playing experience under his belt, Zvanut joked that he has yet to really learn the game, but enjoys being able to provide a challenging, yet fair test to the players in the tournament.

Big-time prizes

The prizes this year included: Ping G5 Drivers for each player on the winning teams in each flight; a golf bag emblazoned with the STMA and Jacobsen logos for each player on the second place teams; and gift certificates for merchandise at the pro shop for the third place teams. In addition, pro shop gift certificates were issued for closest-to-the-pin on two holes per flight and one long-drive hole per flight.

When asked what they may do to keep the event growing, Zvanut said, "Jacobsen may potentially sell hole sponsorships (tee and green), thus increasing donations to SAFE by allowing 36 extra opportunities. Also, we may change the prizes so that the winners can take the prize, or have the cash equivalent of the prize donated back into the SAFE Foundation. These are both items that have been discussed but are yet to be finalized."

Whatever changes are made, one thing is for sure: The Annual SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament provides turfgrass education students with opportunities and STMA members with memories.

Winners

"A" Flight: 1st Place (123.5) Mark Wadsworth, John Whitehead, Jeff Whitehead, Chris McCarthy; 2nd Place (130) Steve LeGros, Dan Douglas, Luke Yoder, Jim Koontz; 3rd Place (130.5) Kent Nevitt, Silverio Sanchez, Xavier Hinojosa.

"B" Flight: 1st Place (141.25) Neil Pate, Thomas MacKenzie, Jim Laiche, Todd Vanek; 2nd Place (150) Tom Burns, Steve Wightman, Bob Curry, Ken Curry; 3rd Place (151) Mark West, Debbie West, Rich Jordan, Travis Waters.

Jacobsen profile

For 85 years, Jacobsen brands have maintained the athletic fields at many of the highest profile venues in all of sports. The multi-brand company manufactures a full range of turf maintenance equipment, and personnel and burden carriers for the golf course, professional lawn care, sports field and general grounds maintenance markets. Jacobsen also supports university-conducted research projects to enhance the playability and safety of athletic fields. Jacobsen is proud to be associated with the Sports Turf Managers Association and are pleased to sponsor the annual SAFE Foundation Golf Tournament. ■



A Flight winners: Mark Wadsworth, John Whitehead, Jeff Whitehead, Chris McCarthy, with Jacobsen staffers Joe Zvanut and Monty Montague in between.



B Flight winners, from left to right: Tom MacKenzie, RTM Sport, Inc., Jim Laiche, The Toro Company, Todd Vanek, RTM Sport, Inc., and Neil Pate, The Cleveland Browns.

SAFE Events raise \$31,921

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Fields (SAFE) raised a total of \$31,921 at the annual STMA Conference from the SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament, the SAFE Live and Silent Auctions and Raffle. That total represents an increase of more than 20% from the same events last year.

The SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament saw a 10% increase in the donations from the players, sponsor, and mulligan purchases. The \$17,515 raised surpassed last years total by \$1,500.

More than 190 items were auctioned off at the SAFE Live and Silent Auctions and the SAFE Raffle, which raised \$14,406.

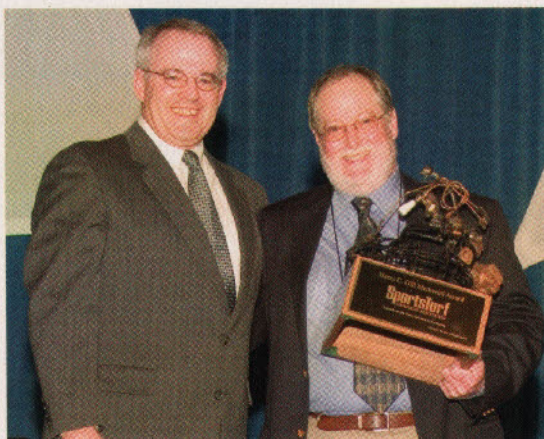
The SAFE Foundation is the charitable arm of the STMA. It was formed to fund research, scholarship and education to help sports turf managers with the challenges they face in managing athletic fields.

STMA Highest Honors Presented

STMA awarded its highest honors, The Founders' Awards, at the 17th annual STMA Conference and Exhibition, which was held in Orlando January 18-21. The awards, which are kept secret from the winners, were presented to four members during the annual awards banquet Friday, January 20. The awards are named in honor of STMA's founding members: Dick Ericson, Dr. William H. Daniel, George Toma and Harry C. Gill.

Floyd Perry, owner of Grounds Maintenance Services in Orlando, received the Dick Ericson award, which is given to a sports turf manager who positively impacts the sports turf industry and exhibits effective team leadership. Jeff Fowler from Penn State Cooperative Extension received the Dr. William H. Daniel Award, which acknowledges his significant contributions to the sports turf industry through research, teaching and extension outreach. The George Toma Golden Rake Award, which acknowledges an individual's strong work ethic and job performance, was presented to Jim Wiggins from the Tomball Texas Independent School District in Tomball, TX. The Harry C. Gill Memorial Award was presented to Bob Christofferson of the Seattle Mariners. The Gill Award recognizes an individual for their hard work in the sports turf industry and acknowledges their dedication and service to STMA.

Perry has owned and operated Grounds Maintenance Services since 1992, and has devoted his time and energy to the motivation, education, and training of those involved in athletic field maintenance. Traveling to all 50 states to deliver presentations, Perry is much in



President Mike Trigg, CSFM, presents the Harry C. Gill Memorial Award to Bob Christofferson.

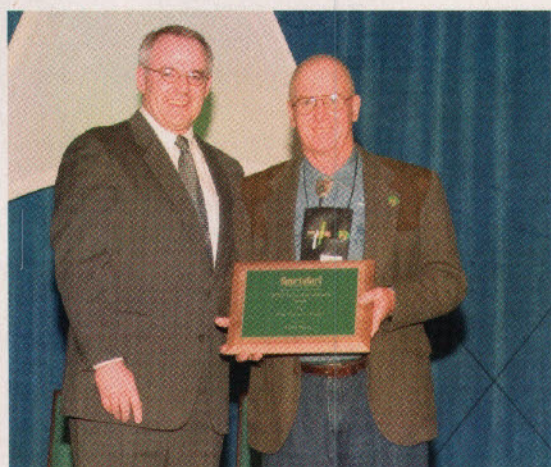


2005 Dr. William Daniels Award winner Dr. A.J. Powell presents this year's award to Jeff Fowler.

demand as a public speaker. He also serves as an athletic field consultant and is involved in contract service work for athletic field refurbishing in Central Florida. He served as the head groundskeeper for the softball venue for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Columbus, GA. Before forming his own company, Perry was employed for 5 years as the Director of Baseball for the Boardwalk and Baseball theme park in Baseball City, FL. From 1971 to 1987, he was the head baseball coach and facility coordinator at Valencia Community College in Orlando. He has authored four groundskeeping pictorial guides and produced a three-part video presentation that highlights timesaving techniques for baseball, softball, soccer and football field maintenance.

Fowler is the County Extension Director for Venango and Forest Counties in northwest Pennsylvania. He has been working for The Pennsylvania State University as a County Extension Educator since 1988. He has his Bachelors Degree from Delaware Valley College and his Masters Degree from Penn State. Fowler is the editor of the quarterly newsletter, "Between the Lines," which is published by the Pennsylvania Chapter of STMA. He serves on the Board of Directors for Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (Pennsylvania Chapter of STMA), as well as serving on many boards including the Red Cross and the United Way-Funds Distribution. He and his wife have one child, 11-year-old Evan. Fowler is a volunteer for his local Little League and also volunteers at the Little League World Series

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President Mike Trigg, CSFM, presents the Harry C. Gill Memorial Award to Bob Christofferson.



President Mike Trigg, CSFM presents the George Toma Golden Rake Award to Jim Wiggins.

STMA adds chapter

A new chapter of STMA, the Sports Turf Managers of New York (STMNY), was officially installed at the STMA Conference during the Chapter Officers Training Session (COTS) January 17 in Orlando. This brings the total to 26 chapters affiliated with the association. Welcome to the Chapter Network, STMNY!

Sports Turf Managers

Association of Arizona: For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra, CSFM at e-mail: chris@peoriaaz.com or call 623/412-4231 or Bill Murphy, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdaleaz.gov or 480/312-7956.

Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly called Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA): For information on the Chesapeake Chapter, contact Graham Davis at gdavis@american.edu or call 301/495-5522.

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Florida #1 Chapter: On March 23, 2006, the IFAS - University of Florida Field Day will be held in Davie, FL. For information on the Florida #1 Chapter or upcoming events, visit the Florida #1 Chapter page on STMA's website or contact John Mascaro at 954/341-3115 or STMA@turf-tec.com.

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STMA in Action

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on the grounds crew. He is a Third-generation County Extension Educator, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Fowler's educational programs and research are focused primarily in the area of turfgrass management and athletic field safety. He has visited hundreds of fields providing recommendations on making the playing surfaces safer, and has given presentations all over the Northeast. He serves as the chair of the editorial sub-committee for *SportsTurf*, has been on the program planning committee for the STMA annual conference, and is currently serving on the education committee.

A 15-year employee of the Tomball ISD, Wiggins has been the school district's athletic grounds supervisor for the past 4 years. He oversees the field and practice areas for football, baseball, softball, soccer and tennis. His softball and baseball fields received 2004 Field of the Year honors from the Texas Turfgrass Association. The softball field was also named the 2004 National Fastpitch Coaches Association/Turface High School Field of the Year. In 2005, the football field was honored as the Texas Turfgrass Association's Field of the Year. Wiggins also devotes time as the clock operator for football games and both boys and girls basketball games. He volunteers his time to community organizations by preparing the practice areas for the local Little League and for Tomball's developmental children's version of Special Olympics. He attended and played baseball at

Rose State College (formerly Oscar Rose Junior College) and also attended the University of Oklahoma. Jim and his wife, Cheryl, have two children, Shannon and Nick, who are his constant supporters.

Christofferson is entering his seventh season as head groundskeeper for the Seattle Mariners at Safeco Field. During his tenure, Safeco Field has been host to the 2001 All Star Game, American League Playoff games, an NCAA football bowl game, and World Cup qualifying soccer matches. Previously, he spent 20 years in the Pacific Coast League in Tacoma in a dual role as Stadium Manager and Head Groundskeeper at Cheney Stadium. In 1992, MLB presented Christofferson with its first-ever PCL Groundskeeper of the Year Award, which he received again in 1998 and 1999. He has been a member of STMA since 2001 and serves on the Conference Committee. He was instrumental in developing the Pacific Northwest Chapter of STMA and was its first president from 2001 through 2004.

The STMA Conference and Exhibition brought more than 1,000 conference attendees, an association record high, to Orlando for classroom and hands-on education. This was a 10 percent increase in attendance from the 2005 conference in Phoenix. Integral to the conference was the 86,000-square foot exhibition that showcased the sports turf industry's products, services, and equipment of more than 155 companies. ■

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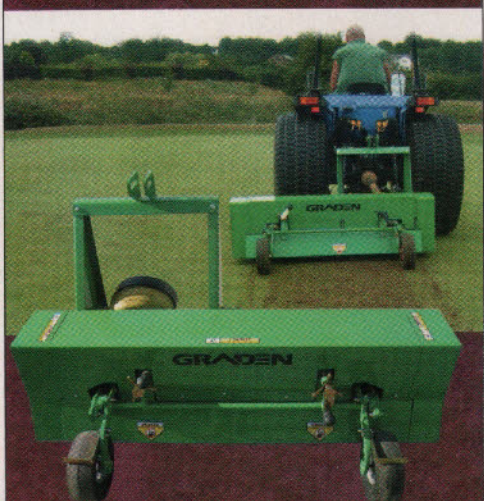
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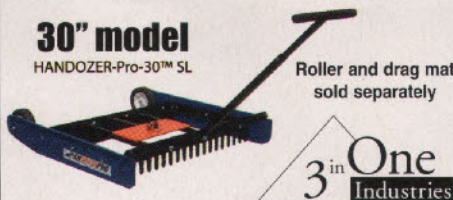
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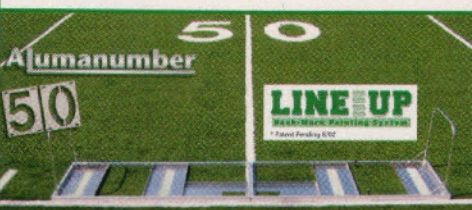
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