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Edward A. Grekoski Park, South River, NJ ~SFMANJ's 2006 Field of the Year~

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Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) received five entries for its annual Field of the Year contest in 2006. The baseball field in Edward A. Grekoski Park, South River, NJ was selected as the SFMANJ Field of the Year for 2006.

Maintained for the previous 1.5-years under the direction of Robert Walker, Supervisor of Parks and Recreation and SFMANJ member, the excellent playing conditions of the baseball diamond at Edward A. Grekoski Park have been acknowledged by various members of the South River community. The Head Baseball Coach at South River High School noted, "The field was in tremendous shape for every game we played on it. The one night game that we did play drew praise from not only our community, but the opposing team as well."

The President of the South River Baseball Club was equally impressed with the quality of Robert's work. He noted, "We would also like to thank Bob Walker, the head groundskeeper, for all his hard work in keeping this facility in immaculate playing condition ..." His letter continued, "It was so nice to hear all of the compliments that every coach in both divisions had to say regarding the condition of the field, and there is not another field here in Middlesex County that compares to what we have here in South River."

For Robert's Field of the Year winning efforts, he received a complimentary 3-day registration at Expo 2006 entitling him to attend all educational sessions and the trade show, two nights stay at the Trump Taj Mahal during Expo 2006, and was presented a plaque during SFMANJ's annual business meeting during Expo.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey would like to acknowledge the following boards of education and municipal governments for submitting Field of the Year entries: East Brunswick Vocational and Technical High School, Middlesex County Department of Parks and Recreation, Pine Hill Public Schools, and Township of Hillsborough.

All SFMANJ members responsible for the management of natural turfgrass fields at schools or parks and recreation facilities are eligible to submit an entry for Field of the Year 2007. Look for upcoming notices in future editions of SFMANJ Update for more details.

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President, South River Baseball Club