

# Athletic Field

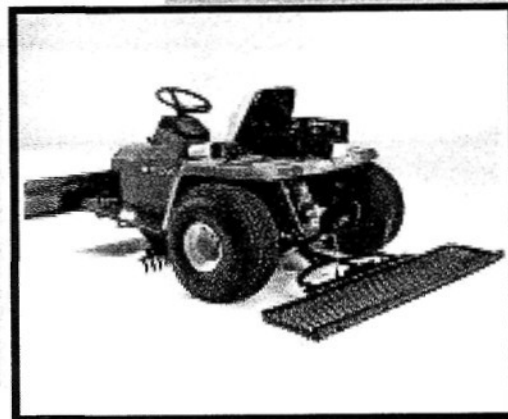
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## First Annual Problem Solving Contest

First prize - \$150 w/ 1 yr. membership SFMANJ  
Second prize - \$75  
Third prize - \$50  
Who is eligible? SFMANJ members  
All forms must be postmarked by November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Responding to "Problems" is recognized as a critical component of sports field management. Whether it's overuse, misuse, vandalism etc. dealing with problems in a proactive manner is a critical component of sports field playability. Problem solving-problem resolution can be applied to many aspects of sports field management. Sports Field Managers on a routine basis deal with agronomic issues, coaches, staff, parent organizations and administrators. Problem solving can be simple or complex in nature.

**Problem solving contest rules:** All contestants must use this format:

1. State The Problem: In 12 font, 85 words or less tell us what the problem was and why the problem developed.
2. Describe The Method Implemented To Solve The Problem: In 12 font, 170 words or less tell us the steps employed to address this problem in the order that you dealt with the problem. Describe stumbling blocks and how you managed to deal with them.
3. Share With Us The Results Of Your Problem Solving Effort: In 12 font, 100 words or less tell us how your problem solving efforts enhanced the goals of your program.

4. Tell us if your were recognized for your efforts in solving the problem, who recognized you and how were you recognized. If no one recognized your efforts tell us that also, it will not affect the selection of winners in the contest.
5. You may send pictures but they are not mandatory.

**Please mail completed problem solving form to:**  
SFMANJ Problem Solving Contest, Dr. John Grande  
Rutgers Snyder Research Farm  
104 Locust Grove Rd.  
Pittstown, NJ 08867

**Winners will be announced at the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo at the athletic field session on December 12 at the Business Meeting, 1pm. (see Calendar of Events)**

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