

Delaware Valley Regional High School Wins 2005 Field of the Year

By Ken Mathis*

Congratulations to Delaware Valley Regional High School for winning the 2005 SFMANJ Field of the Year. The winning SFMANJ members were Dennis Anderson and James Stryker. The Supervisor of Building and Grounds and Athletic Director are William Hunt and Susan M. Hammerstone, respectively. Dennis and James did an outstanding job of renovating their school softball field that originated back to the early 1980's. The pride these men had in their work shows as "Terrier Field" looked magnificent when Del-Val hosted the Group IV State Semi-Finals. Most schools would be very proud to have a field as good as theirs.

I would like to thank all the contestants this year and we look forward to having more of you participate for next year's award. Remember, the winner receives 2 free nights stay at NJTA Expo 2006 in Atlantic City, NJ and paid access to the entire 3 days of educational sessions and trade show.

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reacts to historical data on a given turf area while continually monitoring and scouting for new problems based on the probability of their occurrences. The information gathered is utilized to formulate and initiate a proactive management program based on the establishment of pest population treatment thresholds, the probability of reoccurring pest infestations and the desire for a predetermined level of safety, playability and turf quality. In addition, every turf management program should always utilize the most effective products with the least potential for negative impact on the environment.

In essence, this is the principle behind an IPM pest management strategy. Not only is IPM environmentally responsible, if you are a part of a school system in New Jersey it's the law.

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