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Somerset County Park Commission

By Scott Bills, CSFM

The Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) received two applications for 2012 Field of the Year.

The entrants included the Somerset County Park Commission, Torpey Athletic Complex, Softball Field, Somerville, NJ from David Kascinsky and the Northern Burlington County Regional School District, Varsity Softball Field from Bernard Luongo.

After personal interviews and visits to each field, the SFMANJ Board of Directors chose the Somerset County Park Commission, Torpey Softball Field entry by Dave Kascinsky as the 2012 Field of the Year. The Northern Burlington County School District, Varsity Softball Field was selected as runner-up.

In Columbus, NJ, not only have Don Czehut, Facilities Director and Bernard Luongo, Grounds Supervisor of the Northern Burlington County School District improved the main varsity fields, they have made great strides improving the safety and playability of all 27 fields under their care.

Wins 2012 SFMANJ FIELD OF THE YEAR

Several years ago, Don and Bernard asked Brad Park from Rutgers University to inspect their fields. After reviewing the results of soil samples, Brad recommended a turf management program that included cultural practices such as aeration and overseeding, plus scheduled application of nutrients required by the soil testing. In addition, maintaining a regular mowing schedule which includes returning clippings to the soil and keeping mower blades sharp, have improved the health of the turf. This season Bernard has begun using turf blankets on the stadium football field and wear areas on other fields to encourage faster turf establishment.

As a result of their efforts, Don and Bernard were confident enough to submit an application last year for 2011 Field of the Year for the varsity soccer field. During several conversations with Don and Bernard, I don't think either of them could have imagined having one of their fields meet the qualifications to be considered Field of the Year, much less two fields.

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2012 SFMANJ Field of the Year: Somerset County Park Commission, Torpey Athletic Complex Softball Field managed by Dave Kascinsky

SFMANJ Spring Field Day

FREE ADMISSION!!

(Pre-Registration Required)

**Tuesday, April 2, 2013
RAIN OR SHINE**

**Northern Burlington County
Regional High School
Columbus, NJ 08022**

AGENDA

- 6:30 - 8:00 Vendor Registration and Set-Up
- 7:30 - 8:30 Attendee Registration
Trade Show Open (Breakfast)
- 8:30 - 9:00 Opening Remarks and Host Introduction
- 9:00 - 12:00 Equipment Demos / Education
- 12:00 - 1:00 Vendor Introductions (Lunch)
- 1:00 - 3:00 Equipment Demos / Education
- 3:00 Closing Remarks / Distribution of Pesticide Credits

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