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Torpey Athletic Complex Baseball Field Wins SFMANJ Field of the Year for 2010

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Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) received two applications for 2010 Field of the Year.

The entrants included the Somerset County Park Commission, Torpey Athletic Complex, Baseball Field, Bridgewater, NJ from David Kuscynski; and Cinnaminson School District, Cinnaminson High School, Varsity Soccer Field from Jeff Schofield.

After personal interviews and visits to each field, the SFMANJ Board of Directors chose Torpey Baseball Field as the 2010 Field of the Year and the Cinnaminson High School Varsity Soccer Field as runner-up.

Jeff Schofield of Cinnaminson High School submitted his soccer field, even though he was not being 100% happy with its appearance. Despite a faulty irrigation system and challenges created by the summer heat, Jeff felt the field and his efforts over the past several years warranted the submittal. Jeff admitted the field would never have survived summer environmental stresses if he had not aggressively improved the soil and turf. Those improvements allowed the field to rebound once the weather cooled down and his irrigation system was fixed.

Jeff projected a keen interest in pleasing the players, the administration and all who use the field. As the field is located at the entrance to the high school, Jeff varies the mowing patterns to make the field very attractive. When Jeff took the job as groundskeeper for Cinnaminson High



Baseball Field at Torpey Athletic Complex, Bridgewater, NJ: The SFMANJ 2010 Field of the Year

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SFMANJ Spring Field Day 2011

**Torpey Athletic Complex
& TD Bank Ballpark,
Bridgewater, NJ
Wednesday, April 20, 2011**

TORPEY ATHLETIC COMPLEX BRIDGEWATER, NJ

- 7:00 • Vendor Registration & Set-up
- 7:30 • Attendee Registration, Trade Show Open, Coffee & Donuts
- 8:45 • Opening Remarks
- Baseball Field Post Game Repair Demonstration
Dave Kuczynski, Somerset County Parks
- Soil Sampling Procedures and Report Interpretation
Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers University
- Infield Equipment Demonstrations
- Natural Turfgrass Equipment Demonstrations
- Synthetic Field Maintenance Procedures
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- 12:00 • Lunch & Vendor pass-the-mic

TD BANK BALLPARK, BRIDGEWATER, NJ

- 1:15 • Sports Field Maintenance Program & Challenges
Dan Purner, Head Groundskeeper, Somerset Patriots
- Solving Weed Problems in a School Environment
Brad Park, Rutgers University
- 3:00 • Closing Remarks, Pesticide Credits, and Member Meeting