

A Taste of What's in Store

Mary Owen, Conference Education Chairman

It's that time of year again. Time to start planning your attendance at our 8th Annual Conference & Exhibition, January 15-19, 1997, in Colorado Springs.



Conference Headquarters - Red Lion Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO

Your conference education committee has reviewed past post-conference surveys and has integrated your requests into some GREAT educational ses-

sions. For example -- Helen Stone, Adams Publishing, will give a guided interactive tour on "surfing" the World Wide Web and Internet; we'll dig into Balancing Safety and Agronomy; share workshops on the Agronomic Fundamentals for Cool and Warm Season grasses; focus on "Save Every Drop" water management with Dr. Tony Koski and delve into "What's Wrong with my Field," with Dr. Gil Landry.

The Trade Show also will be held at the Red Lion Hotel. The Thursday, January 16th, Trade Show opening from 4:30-8:00 P.M. will include a reception. On Friday, January 17th, Trade Show hours are 10:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M., with lunch served Friday in the

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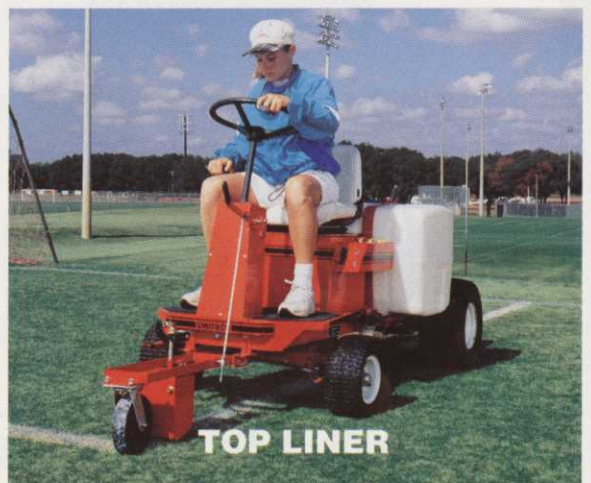
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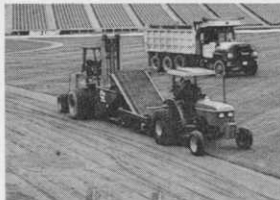
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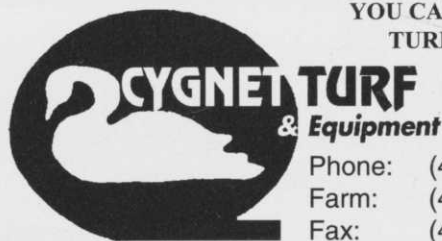
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moisture generally is adequate during our playing season, so wetting the material isn't necessary. Because holes are small and occur infrequently, "eyeballing" for leveling is all we need to do. Final leveling of the repaired areas is handled during the usual pre-game preparations of scarifying and dragging.

Answered by Tom Curran, City of Pampano Beach (Florida), Parks and Recreation

We have multiple baseball fields in our system, with multiple levels of play. We use Beam Clay in the batter's boxes, even at the recreational level, using the pitcher's mound mix, because it's a bit less expensive. We start the season by digging out the batter's box area, removing some of the typical clay and adding a layer of several inches of the pitcher's mound mix. We wet and pack following instructions on the bag, then put a little bit of the field clay over the top as a dusting, so we have a solid base for firm footing with a light, looser topping. We repair the entire batter's box area every day, rather than spot repairing holes. If the budget is tight, we'll repair only the right hander's batter's box every day, tackling the left hander's batter's box as needed. Every few months, we'll remove the old clay and replace it with new pitcher's mound mix.

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Trade Show area.

The STMA Annual Meeting & Election of Officers will be held Saturday afternoon with the gala Banquet and Awards program held Saturday night.

This is just a peek of what's in store for you in Colorado Springs. SO -- Make your plans NOW. I Hope to see you there!

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