

## “Get The Feel” of Arizona

One major reason for holding the STMA annual Conferences in different areas of the country is to

give sports turf managers the opportunity to see and “get the feel” of the field conditions



and maintenance practices adapted to different regions. So much is the same – and yet so much is different.

Arizona topography is spectacular – and presents great challenges for managing turf.

The golf course shown in the top two pictures on this page is quite a challenge to play. It’s the Gold Canyon Dinosaur Mountain Course – site of STMA’s Wednesday golf outing where golfers play a championship course set against the magnificent backdrop of the legendary Superstition Mountains.



If you’re planning an extra day or two in Arizona, Headquarters can help you arrange to view the area by horseback, jeep, hot air balloon, or even by swooping through the canyons in a biplane. The Seminar on Wheels tours on January 13th and January 17th provide an up close view of area fields and the opportunity to connect with the individuals involved with those field programs.

Though your field may be far removed from

the mountains and deserts of Arizona, you’ll find much of what you observe during these tours are ideas you can take home and put to work – maybe a



water-saving technique you’ll adopt during drought situations; maybe a method for clearing off morning dew or frost to get a head start on mowing or field painting; maybe an option for disease, insect or weed control.

The Conference educational sessions are developed to focus on specifics you’ve requested,

whether you’re tackling the challenges of sand-based fields, native soil fields, or



some of both. At your request, there also are sessions *continued on page 3*

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on working with those who use your fields, developing successful internship programs, and the business management part of your program. In Dr. Bree Hayes' presentations you'll fine-tune the most important aspect of sports turf management: growing your own professional management skills as you personally grow and rally your own team for the challenges of the new millennium.

Networking is a highlight of the

Conference. You'll have the opportunity to meet your peers on the Seminar on Wheels tours, during the Conference educational seminars, the Round-Table discussions, and the Trade Show. You'll make connections at breaks, meals, receptions and those casual "in between" moments, sharing professional insights that will help you further develop your sports turf management program.

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## Powell Receives Award

Dr. A.J. Powell, STMA member and extension Agronomy professor at the University of Kentucky, has been awarded the American Society of Agronomy's Fred V. Grau Award for Turfgrass Science.

Powell, who earned his degrees from the University of Kentucky and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, was involved in the release of Tift 94 and Vamont bermudagrasses and was the major investigator in the release of Quickstand bermudagrass. Dr. Powell and associates have quantified the effect of surface moisture displacement on dollar spot infections, thus reducing fungicide reliance. Dr. Powell is a Fellow of ASA, has been Chair of Division C-5, and was inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

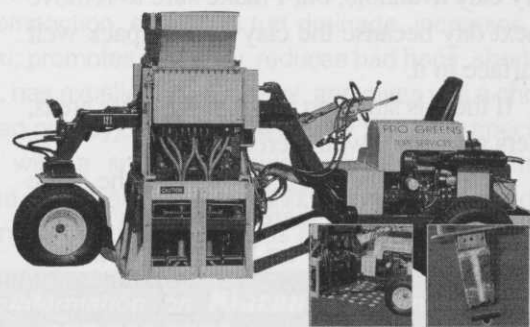
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