

San Antonio Optional Events - Big - Huge!

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The STMA 2003 Conference is just around the corner and final preparations are being made on the conference program. I am excited to report that the Seminar on Wheels Tours and Optional Event are jam packed, and will offer tremendous opportunity for numerous sport site visits, as well as networking with other sport turf managers.

Here is the tentative schedule:

Wednesday, January 15, 2003 - Seminar on Wheels Tours

• **Southwest Texas University, San Marcos TX.**

Home of the Southwest Texas Bobcats w/student body 23,000.

Steven Nunez, Supervisor of Sports Field Maintenance Facilities.

Tour will include SWT Baseball/Softball Complex (teams



Southwest Texas University - first stop of the Wednesday, January 15, Seminar on Wheels Tour

compete in Division I). Also, Bobcat Football Stadium, under conversion in 2002 from natural to artificial turf. Steven will report on the conversion and reuse of soil materials removed from the stadium and utilized on the campus, and also on the other recreational sports fields on campus for which he is responsible. We will then drive across campus to view 2 sand based soccer fields.

• **University of Texas, Austin TX**

Brook Whitaker, Facilities Manager and Jeff Wakefield, Turf Manager, will begin tours at the Texas Memorial Stadium and view the newly installed fertigation system and then proceed to the Mike E. Myers Track & Soccer Stadium. Our final stop



Home of the Round Rock Express

at the university is to the football practice field and the newly installed practice field bubble.

• **Round Rock TX**

Home of Round Rock Express, Double AA, Affiliate of the Houston Astros.

Dennis Klein, Head Groundskeeper, will conduct a tour of the three-year old facility, which is the 2001 STMA Professional Baseball Diamond of the Year Award recipient. Lunch will be served in the Texas Room of the clubhouse.

• **Texas Lutheran University at Soquin TX**

Cody Farr, Sports Turf Manager.

Tour will include the softball and baseball fields and football practice field. Cody will report on his one-man sports turf maintenance practices and innovative field improvements.

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