

## California Teamin' in 2004

### Spectacular Seminar on Wheels Tours Planned

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I hope you're already dreamin' about how great it's going to be in sunny California this coming January. The STMA 2004 Conference is headed to San Diego and some California Teamin'. It's a super opportunity to team up with your peers and fine tune your own management program.

There are great optional events on both Wednesday and Sunday. You can spend Wednesday picking up tips from the pros during the Major League Baseball Seminar. Or, you can experience one of San Diego's top golf courses and help the SAFE Foundation, teaming up in the SAFE-Jacobsen Fund-Raising Golf Tournament. If you'd like to spend Sunday taking a "tourists tour" of San Diego sites, that's an option, too.

The Wednesday and Sunday Seminar on Wheels tours let you "take the field" at some great San Diego sites. I've had the opportunity to see these sites and get a preview of some of the great information they have to share.

#### Seminar on Wheels Tour - Sunday, January 25th

#### Qualcomm Stadium

#### Host Steve Wightman, Stadium Turf Manager

As the San Diego Padres prepare for a new stadium on

2004, Qualcomm Stadium which opened in 1967 - known originally as San Diego

Stadium, renamed Jack Murphy Stadium in 1981 -



has the distinction of being the only stadium left in the majors that originally housed a minor-league team before major-league expansion. The old Pacific Coast League San Diego Padres played in Qualcomm



Petco Park - under construction

Stadium for two seasons before the NL expansion San Diego Padres were unveiled on April 8, 1969. The Qualcomm has hosted a pair of World Series Games (1984 and 1998) and a pair of MLB All-Star Games (1978 and 1992).

Built as a multipurpose stadium for NFL'S San Diego Chargers and the Padres, Qualcomm Stadium is one of the few mid-sixties multipurpose stadiums that is aesthetically pleasing. One reason is that artificial turf was never installed here, and the other reason was a pleasing design that blended well into its surroundings: views of the regional hillsides were seen in the center-field area. However, over the years this pleasant design was gradually torn away as the stadium was redesigned to be more hospitable for the Chargers. The right-field bleachers were expanded in 1984, totally enclosing the park, and in 1997

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