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MAIN EVENTS

12 BENTGRASS BEATS THE HEAT AT MOON VALLEY

Moon Valley Country Club was one of the first golf courses in Phoenix, AZ, to have Penn-cross creeping bentgrass greens in 1956. The innovator then was golf course architect L.S. Wilson. Today the course is again a laboratory for new technology under the guidance of Karsten Solheim, engineer and inventor of Ping golf clubs. Solheim's staff has discovered a way to merge turf tissue analysis, foliar feeding, irrigation, and computer technology to enable desert superintendents to maintain bentgrass at its peak throughout the summer. A tight grip on fertilization and irrigation is eliminating the peaks and valleys that leave bentgrass vulnerable to attack when temperatures rise above 100 degrees F.

20 AFTER THE SUPER BOWL: NO REST FOR THE WEARY

As the scoreboard at Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami, FL, flashed the final seconds of Super Bowl XXIII, groundskeeper Gary Morris felt a tremendous load being lifted from his back. Standing beside him were Chip and George Toma and Consultant Tom Mascaro. They had battled the elements together to showcase the two-year-old stadium to millions of football fans. But, for Morris and Mascaro, the year had just begun. In the following six weeks, they had to get the field through international soccer matches, two mud events, preseason exhibition baseball, and a rock concert. After all that, the stadium had to be in top condition for the Miami Dolphins by August. They did it all without having to resod once.

23 STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE CONSTRUCTS MODEL OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The stadium and practice fields at Western Oregon State University are more than places to exercise. They are the classrooms on which hundreds of future physical education teachers base their knowledge of how sports programs should be managed. In 1986, these outdoor classrooms were in bleak condition and the university had no funds for renovation. But that didn't stop them. A unique spirit of cooperation and some creative budgeting ended up producing a model outdoor classroom for the students of tomorrow.

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COVER: Moon Valley Country Club in Phoenix, AZ. Photo Courtesy: Karsten Turf Co.