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Just as you try new fertilizers and herbicides, retrofit an existing irrigation system or expand the memory of your computer, you need to upgrade your own capabilities and those of your teammates. Dr. Gil Landry outlines the educational and training opportunities available and tells how to make the most of them.

14 De Anza Zoysia: A New Turfgrass for Sports

An experimental hybrid will be unveiled and begin Major League testing this winter when De Anza zoysiagrass is planted in Phoenix for the new Arizona Diamondbacks baseball franchise. If it lives up to expectations, sports-field managers will have a new wear resistant grass for shaded and other difficult-to-maintain sites.

18 Flinn Wins High School Football Field of the Year

Hub of a multi-use complex developed almost 20 years ago by the forward-thinking, sports-minded community of Quincy, Ill., Flinn Memorial Stadium houses a sand-based field intended to support heavy use. It gets it, and not only survives but flourishes under the guidance of sports turf manager Kurt Knuf, whose efforts earned the 1996-1997 STMA High School Football Field of the Year Award.

24 Effective Overseeding North and South

Down South, overseeding means adding ryegrass to bermudagrass so fields stay green during colder months. Up North, it means applying seed to thicken turf. Wherever it's located, overseeding can make your field a showplace, if you follow a few simple rules and correctly time your applications.

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Members and guests of the Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association receive hands-on training in baseball field maintenance during a workshop at Des Moines' Sec Taylor Stadium, home of the AAA Iowa Cubs. Photo courtesy: Trusty & Associates.