

# Colorado Chapter Holds

## First Seminar on Wheels



On June 23, 128 attendees boarded three buses for the first Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association (CSTMA) Seminar on Wheels. The group rolled into Denver for up-close, behind the scenes tours of the city's three top sports facilities: Mile High Stadium, Coors Field, and the Denver Broncos Practice Facility.

Mile High Stadium Groundskeeper/Maintenance Technician Jose Palma presented attendees an unfamiliar view of the field, which was set up for soccer instead of football. Following the tour, Palma gave an informative and entertaining presentation on the hows and whys of the facility's maintenance program.

At Coors Field, the group found Head Groundskeeper Mark Razum and his crew in the middle of pre-game preparations. Razum had specifically requested that the tour be held on a game day, so participants could catch the action in progress.

As activity whirled around them, attendees learned the details of pre-game set-up as they watched the procedures unfold.

Following the tour and presentation, the group stopped for lunch at Dove Valley Park, just across the road from the Broncos Practice Facility. Keeping their tradition of raising scholarship funds, CSTMA closed the lunch session with a raffle.

At the Broncos Training Facility, Turf Manager Ross Kurcab and Assistant Sports Turf Manager Troy Smith split attendees into two groups for facility tours, browsing sessions in the trophy room, and educational classroom sessions. The fields were obviously set up for football.

The fields handle approximately 9,000 team plays between August and January each year. That's equal to about 60 games worth of play during the fall football season. The goal is to have the practice fields — and the team — in play through mid-January.

As attendees rode away from the Broncos practice facility, the group declared the first-ever CSTMA Seminar on Wheels a great success.

### Chapter news

Mark your calendars now for STMA's 11th Annual Conference & Exhibition, "Gateway to the 21st Century," January 12-16, 2000, at the Regal Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis, MO.

**KAFMO Chapter:** The Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization will team up with Penn State Cooperative Extension to host three on-field, one-day clinics in western Pennsylvania this fall: Sept. 20, Walker Room, Campus Center, Allegheny College, Meadville; Sept. 21, Cranberry Township Building, Cranberry Township, Butler County, PA; and Sept. 22, Trinity Middle School, Washington, PA.

Each clinic will open with registration at 9:30 am, and will wrap up at 2:30 pm. Topics will include: communication between ADs, coaches, associations, and parents; basic turf maintenance; and field safety. On-field afternoon sessions will include: fall renovation tips, and pre- and post-game field tips.

For information, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club: (610) 375-8469, ext. 212.

**Florida Chapter #1:** The Florida Chapter will hold its 8th annual Turf Rodeo Sept. 22 at Lake Ida Park in Delray. Events will include educational sessions, Bobcat Basketball, and mower relays.

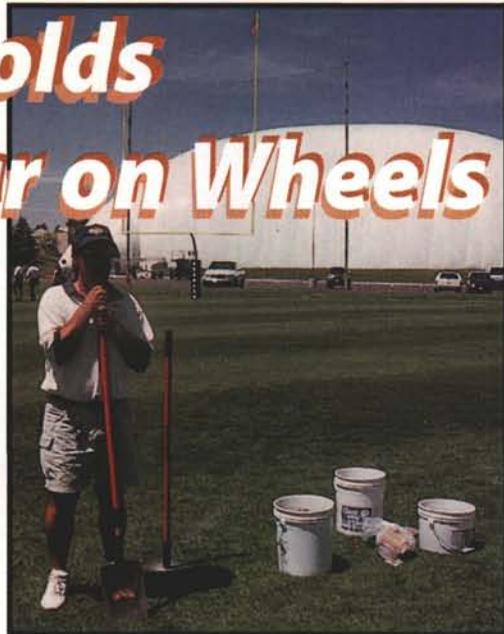
Nov. 19, the Chapter will hold a meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. The meeting will focus on "Sports Turf Equipment Demonstrations for Maintaining Athletic Fields."

For information, contact John Mascaro: (954) 341-3115.

**MAFMO Chapter:** The Mid-Atlantic Field Managers Organization will hold a Design and Spec Workshop Oct. 8 in Annapolis, MD. Featured speakers will include Don Campbell of French & Assoc., Columbus, GA; and Paul Zwaska, head groundskeeper for the Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards.

For information, contact the hotline: (410) 290-5652.

**Iowa Chapter:** ISTMA will hold a Fall Workshop Oct. 6 at North Scott Community Schools in Eldridge, Iowa.



**Turf Manager Ross Kurcab shows attendees the Denver Broncos Practice Facility during CSTMA's Seminar on Wheels.** Courtesy: STMA

The event will open with an overview of the North Scott athletic fields and maintenance program. Presentations will include: "Infield Dirt," by Luke Yoder; "Seed Establishment," by Mike Grooms; "Fertility," by Gary Peterson; "High-Traffic Turf Repair," by Kevin Vos; and "Workshop Summary," by Dr. Dave Minner. There will also be equipment displays, demonstrations, and time to visit with vendors.

For information, contact Lori Westrum at the Turf Office: (515) 232-8222, or fax: (515) 232-8228.

**Indiana Chapter:** An October event is in the planning stages. More details will be announced soon.

For information, contact Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer: (219) 356-8424, or Pat Hickner: (800) 672-4273.

**Great Lakes Chapter:** GLSTMA will hold its second annual Awards Presentation and Meeting Dec. 7 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus.

In cooperation with Profile Products, GLSTMA will again sponsor Field of the Year awards. Members can obtain application materials at the Web site, or by calling (419) 885-1982. Award entries are due Oct. 1.

For general information, contact Joe Zelinko: (800) 897-9714, or Boyd Montgomery: (419) 885-1982, or visit the Web site: <http://members.tripod.com/~glstma>.

**Colorado Chapter:** The Colorado Chapter will again participate in the Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association Annual Conference Dec. 8-