

## Third Annual League Footing Academy Focuses on Arena Issues

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The third annual League Footing Academy was a huge success. The event was held in August this year at the Georgia International Horse Park located in Conyers, Georgia. The two day educational seminar covered topics from soil essentials to the practice of arena maintenance. This was the first year Continuing Educational Units were offered to attendees. The event boasted 24 attendees from 16 facilities representing 10 states. The participants found their arenas differed in certain ways. They also found out everyone shares similar problems within the industry regardless of the geographic location. Finding solutions to these challenges such as soil essentials, arena condition, dust and arena maintenance is the goal of the League Footing Academy.



2007 League Footing Academy Attendees

This years Footing Academy instructor was world renowned footing expert Bob Kiser. Bob's footing can be found in hundreds of arenas around the globe. He has been responsible for arena footings for some of the largest equine events hosted in our industry. Bob provided individual attention to participants to explain common problems and solutions we face with our arena footings. Attendees met in the classroom and got hands-on demonstrations. Bob also brought a Kiser Dragmaster to show correct practices to



Kiser in Horse Park's outdoor arena work arena footing.

The event was a tremendous learning experience for all who attended. The League would like to thank the sponsors of the 2007 Footing Academy including Riversand Inc., Prince George Equestrian Complex and the Georgia International Horse Park for a great experience. Be sure to look for upcoming educational opportunities and another Footing Academy coming soon from the League.

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