

## **Footing Academy Provides Cutting Edge Information**

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The 2008 League Footing Academy was held at the Hunt Horse Complex in Raleigh, North Carolina January 18 and 19. The hosts were Ray Frost and his great staff. Both Jim and Bob Kiser from the Lone Star State of Texas conducted an educational and informative seminar dealing with the topic of footing for the various public and private equestrian facilities represented.

Topics covered included soil essentials based on the existing conditions at the Hunt Horse Complex, arena conditioning, outdoor versus indoor arenas, dust and arena maintenance. Each facility had a sample of the footing from their own arena analyzed by Bob Kiser. Some of the participants even took advantage of the opportunity to drag the indoor arena of the complex using the famed Kiser Drag Master.

Much valuable information was exchanged not only from the Kisers but also from the participants at the seminar. Those of us in the industry share many of the same trials and tribulations as we adjust to the multitude of equestrian disciplines that our facilities' clients represent.