

# Notes & Pictures from the 41st Annual Midwest Turf Clinic

Notes by the Editor & Pictures by Ray Schmitz

Bob Maibusch talk on Great Britain was very interesting with the various comparisons between the states and England. Most of the greenkeepers are "hands on" guys that run a crew of only 6-7 men on the crew and with a budget of about \$140,00 that includes salaries and maintenance supplies, etc. They get by with about \$25.00 per acre for fertilizer, herbicides and fungicides per year.



Jim Lathan, USGA as usual gave an excellent talk on the speed of greens. His quote "Speed kills. Stimp meter readings above 9" put a tremendous amount of stress on the grass plant." There is "AS" and "BS" management of greens in the USGA history. The "BS" stands for, before stimp meters and the "AS" is after stimp meters. 1993 proved to be a very difficult year for many courses with the wet spring, flooding, and many overcast days.



Larry Chirico, Supt. Course #3, Medinah spoke on their green management program. Embark is sprayed in April to suppress seed head at 4 oz./acre. Enhance is sprayed in 2 week intervals beginning in May to regulate "Poa annua". Fertility they use 5-1-10 plus Hydro Wet at 1#N/M in late November. Lesco iron plus 12-0-0 with chelated iron at 2 oz./M every 2 weeks during season. Green speed at 10'. Jac walkers set at .125, greens with heavy poa are set at .135 on the Jac walkers.



Tim Davis, Shoreacres C.C. uses Cutlass on greens at 3 oz./acre. Applies .10 to .35#N/M all sprayable. No groomers used, but will roll his greens before tournaments. Uses Cutlass as a dormant spray under covers.



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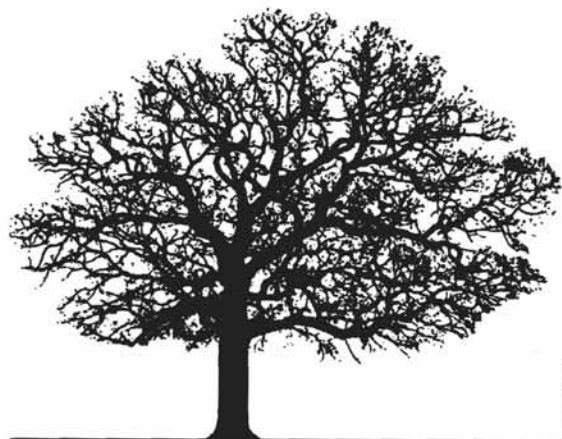


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Ken Shepherd, Wedgewood G.C. is a public fee course with 45-50,000 rounds per year. Height of cut at 5/32" with Triplex mowers and groomers being used. Top-dresses with pure sand as often as play and weather allows. Applies 3.8 to 5.8 #N/M per year.



Bruce Sering, Glenview Club showed how to do the "Superintendents Shuffle" when dealing with your green committee. He will be leading a seminar on this tactic in the near future. Bruce believes in taking no pictures or keeping records — no discriminating evidence is the reason. Greens stimp at 8.25 to 9.25. Uses Toro 1000 PGM set at 1/8". Used Cutlass at 1 oz./300 gals. per 9 greens. Used Primo at 5 oz./300 gals. per 9 greens every 3 weeks.



Brian Green, Sunset Valley G.C. started in the early 80's to speed up his greens. He chose 1983 to go into this speed up program and was cutting at 1/8" and sanding very heavy. He stated he had "browns" instead of greens, due to the heavy sand being used. The players loved the speed, but it wore Brian out worrying about keeping his greens. 1984 there was a different program and slower greens and Brian slept better there after. He had a special 3 gang roller made up for rolling before and during tournaments and cuts at 5/32" for these events.



Dennis Hull, the Keynote Speaker was very amusing and had everyone laughing for the complete time he had the podium. He was not afraid to tell jokes about himself and family and everyone enjoyed his talk.



Paul Voykin, Dennis Hull and Peter Voykin, the all Canadian forward line.

Bill Kindorf, Attorney talked and explained contracts, and work agreements. A very informative "Employment Handbook" was passed out with sample contracts and explanations. A very worthwhile talk with lots of important information.