

43rd MAGCS Clinic

by Editor

The 43rd Annual Midwest Clinic was once again a success. Don Ferreri and his Education Committee did an outstanding job in getting speakers. A synopsis of the speakers follows:

Jerry Taft, Meteorologist WLS-TV — “No Such Thing As A Long Range Forecast.” Stated that 1995 was a once in a century summer. He has seen more extremes in the weather in the past 20 years. Chicago recorded a 105 degrees with a dew point of 84 back in July, an extremely unusual combination.

Dr. Tom Green, Western Illinois University — Dutch Elm disease can move 3' per day once the tree is infected. Get that limb removed immediately — not in a couple of days, now. Can be treated with chemicals to save tree. Plant Apple Scab resistant crabapples and forget to spray unless it is a number 1 priority tree. Oak Wilt, red oak family will die in a year if infected. Need to root prune to sever root grafts if among other oaks. Pine Wilt Disease, don't plant Scotch Pine, Austrian Pine also susceptible — White Pine okay to plant.

The Rookie Review:

Tony Kalina, Prairie Landing G.C. — Biggest concern was Dollar Spot. Did not spray preventative for Pythium, only curative.

Jim Keith, St. Charles C.C. — Watered greens only 8 times with the sprinklers, all other times by hand. Was glad his assistant came from the St. Louis area where this summer was not unusual for him and he was a great help.

Scott Witte, Cantigny Golf Course — Scott speaks very softly and the microphone was not working. But I did hear that he did not spend enough time with his new bride and wanted to correct that problem.

Bill Kennedy, Cress Creek C.C. — Had success with 110 ton of sand topdressing for his greens and thought that clipping removal from his fairways helped in his disease control. Clippings were dumped into the deep rough and raked in to dispose of them.

Tom Paciorek, Chicago White Sox Broadcaster — spoke on “Teamwork” and was very humorous in his talk on how to be successful in getting the most out of your crew. It seemed that our own Ed Braunsky was the brunt of some of Tom's jokes.

Rory Bancroft, Glenwood C.C. — Suggested that we all take a fresh look at a problem from a different perspective. In his own case, he showed where a \$60 plane ride helped solve a drainage problem and 10 million gallons of water.

Scott Grundberg, On Course Innovations L.L.C. — Described what is now available for speeding up play on the courses by the use of a interactive screen that is on the golf cart that can leave messages and instructions that generate out of the clubhouse. His “Golf Cart 2000” will be seen on many courses in the future.



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