

MIDWEST EDUCATION RECAP

Brad Anderson, CGCS Midlane Country Club

January Monthly Meeting

Rich Harvest Farms

Mr. Todd Gray, Senior Vice President of Wells Fargo Financial Leasing Inc. spoke to us at Rich Harvest Links about cash flow solutions for asset management.

The money allocated for replacing aged equipment has traditionally come from capital funds. But due to changes in the economy, the capital at your club may no longer be a reliable source for sustainable asset management - if in fact it ever was.

The doling out of capital funds has never been a precise or impartial process. And subsequently our highest percentage of repairs cost go towards equipment that has outlived a useful life; our labor is diverted from service opportunities towards inefficiency, down time, and staff burnout; even our newest equipment absorbs double duty.

If capital funding has not allowed you to manage your entire fleet with a business plan that utilizes every piece of equipment as inexpensively as possible over its



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useful life, then you should spend some time studying all of the various options that are out there using the cash flow model.

Ed Note: Mr. Gray will present these options again at the Golf Summit on April 19, 2007 at Olympia Fields Country Club.

January Seminar

Midwest Golf House

Dr. Fred Yelverton, Professor and Extension Specialist at North Carolina State University presented his seminar on Advanced Weed Control for the members of MAGCS. Though the topic did not seem glamorous to most, the content of Dr. Yelverton's presentation was full of new information and created a wealth of new weed control strategies for all in attendance.

Many new chemical formulations, active ingredients and new uses for older products were dissected, simplified and explained. There was great participation from the audience on topics of moss and other hard to control weeds such as nimblewill, violets, clover and grasses.

We don't spray the herbicides all the time, so our knowledge of them is not as in tune as it is with fungicides. There are many new products available and you would be remiss to keep using the same old active ingredients without taking a look at newer chemistries. After listening to Dr. Yelverton for the day, all should



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place a herbicide seminar in your rotation every three to four years.

The slide presentations for the seminar can be found at: <http://www.turf-files.ncsu.edu/Extension/Presentations/Default.aspx> (Luke Cella)



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