

Midwest Education



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The Club at Strawberry Creek

The Educational Committee would like to thank those who attended the 2013 monthly seminars. We look forward to the schedule of speakers for the winter months. We evaluated the MAGCS Membership Survey and focused on the types of education that our members valued the most. Turf science continues to be of highest importance, while there has been an increasing desire for info on current trends, technology, and communication methods.

According to the survey, the educational offering was the driving force for membership attendance at our monthly meetings. We will continue to seek speakers that meet those interests in future events.

Recap of the 2013 Educational Season:

April

- Jeff Leuzinger, Healthy Grow, "Organics and Composting: Soil Health Composting Methods and Results."

July

- Dr. Bruce Branham, University of Illinois, "What's the Deal with *Poa* Cure?" Update on *Poa* Cure trials and research findings.

August

- Todd Quitno, Associate ASGCA, "What's Trending Now" Overview of master planning, renovation, and design perspectives.

October

- Dr. Rob Golembiewski, Bayer, "Maximizing Turf Disease Control" Turfgrass disease insight and control through fungicide strategies.



Kris Kvelland
Ridge Country Club

Both Matt and Kris are Co-chairs of the Education Committee.

Our lineup for the Midwest Turf Clinic, to be held at Medinah Country Club on November 7th, offers a wide arrangement of topics and speakers. Registration will be online at MAGCS.org

- Ed Nangle, PhD, CDGA Director of Turfgrass Programs Introduction and discussion of field observations with panel inclusion.
- Chava McKeel, GCSAA Associate Director of Government Relations Federal and state regulations reform, immigration bills, "Obamacare".
- Dr. Zac Reicher, University of Nebraska
- Panel discussion centered on labor issues impacting our work force and staffing.

Keynote Address

- Pat Foley, Chicago Blackhawks Play-by-Play Announcer Musings from a passionate golfer.

We would also like to inform the membership that our January (22nd) meeting will host Dr. Thom Nikolai, of Michigan State University, and his extensive research into rolling methods and turfgrass health. Mark your calendars for this one and plan to stick around and support the Wee One Foundation through the Midwest's auction. (Contact Don Ferreri if you'd like to donate items.)

The Committee is always open to membership suggestions for topics. Our members also have a wide variety of experience. MAGCS would benefit from any member willing to share their knowledge. 