

out each spring).

Curtis Tyrrell's talk was a pared down version he gave at our Turf Clinic a few years ago about tree removal at Medinah CC. His talk opened a discussion on fans and the importance of air movement.

Ed Nangle gave a very abbreviated talk, explaining that "Poa is like an Irishman, it likes it wet and cloudy." He did get asked about the bacterial wilt issue but a topic that was quickly put on the back burner when talk turned to our winter.

Bob Vavrek followed up with what we may see this spring. It certainly raised many eyebrows from the audience, especially the golf course superintendents in the group. Bob stated, "the benefits of removing snow or ice from greens or even covering them each year – it is tough to tell if these things will help to prevent injury this year." Bob explained that we are experiencing a record setting winter, as we all know, and it stands to reason that there will be some turf damage out there. It is not unlike experiencing extreme heat when we have record setting summers, it is just on the opposite end. One key Bob explained to get up and running is the irrigation system. If damage does occur and courses plot their road to recovery using seed, it is imperative the seed does not dry out – as we all know. Getting your irrigation system charged up and ready to go will keep recovery going throughout spring even if we get a dry afternoon or two. @



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