

many years has been the only formula for success in managing *Poa annua* populations

The final education for the day was a panel discussion on Poa Management, Pigments and Turf Screen, New Technology, Labor Force Finding, Training and Retaining. This panel was moderated by Chuck Barber of St. Charles Country Club. The panel included:

- Scott Bordner, Chicago Golf Club
- Dave Radaj, CGCS Green Acres Country Club
- Justin VanLanduit, Briarwood Country Club
- Dr. Zach Reicher, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Dr. Ed Nangle, Chicago District Golf Association

These panel discussions are always loaded with “tons” of information. This discussion format has been the foundation of the Chicagoland Golf Course Superintendents. Put two or three or more Superintendents in a room and the topics will “fly”. This is what we do best. The information exchange between the panel and the attendees was free flowing with questions and answers. Any question asked was answered by the panel in a very frank manner. This is no nonsense education that cuts right to the point. Every topic that was brought up was addressed. There is way too much information exchanged in a short amount of time to even try to take accurate notes. This is a format that you really need to be there to get the full effect.

Some of the topics the panel discussed were:

- Pigments and their history, what do they do? effectiveness, turf benefits, rates, frequency of applications
- Re-grassing greens- varieties, timing, process
- *Poa annua* population discussion
- Current Poa Cure programs in the Chicago area
- *Poa annua* management programs at specific clubs and courses
- New technology use- TDR’s, smart phone apps, mower technology
- Water reduction techniques using TDR’s
- Irrigation techniques- timing, rates, ET use, flushing
- Disease models
- Rolling- timing and techniques
- Sprayer GPS systems- feedback, cost savings, efficiency, reduced product use

This was another great day of education put on the MAGCS Education Committee and is the cornerstone of the Midwest meeting calendar. If you only go to one MAGCS meeting a year, this one should be it. Make a new year’s resolution to put it on your calendar for next year. You won’t be disappointed. @

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