

# USGA Green Section regional conferences draw more than 250

**F**or over ten years, the USGA has been hosting one day educational conferences in Florida. This year, two conferences were held, one in Orlando on April 15th, and the other in Palm Beach Gardens on the April 18th. Over 250 golf course superintendents, club officials, golf professionals and industry representatives attended the conferences.

The morning session started off with Chris Hartwiger, USGA Green Section Agronomist discussing the Ups and Downs of Rolling Greens. Tony Zirpoli, USGA Regional Affairs Director, gave a talk in Orlando on the Amateur Status, while Mike Fallon with the National Golf Foundation, gave a talk in Palm Beach Gardens on Industry Trends in the Growing Game of Golf. Next, Dr. John Cisar with the University of Florida gave a talk on More of What We Have Learned About Pesticide Leaching. Darren Davis gave a very good update on the ACSP for Schools and encouraged other superintendents to get involved. Dr. Monica Elliott discussed Cultural Control of Turfgrass Diseases, and William Amick, Golf Course Architect wound up the morning session with a discussion on How to Properly Set

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*Roger Harvie (right), Manager of USGA Regional Affairs, checks in USGA Seminar attendees in Orlando. Photo by Joel Jackson.*

Up a Remodeling Improvement Program for Golf Courses.

After lunch, Dr. Kris Thoemke from Naples, led a discussion on Wildlife's Role in the Future of Golf. Steve Beeman, President of EcoShores, Inc., talked about

Aquascaping Your Golf Course, and the ever popular Whit Collins with the West Coast Employers Association, finished the day with What's Shaking in Labor Relations.

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*Olde Florida GC Superintendent Darren Davis makes his presentation at the USGA Seminar in Orlando. Photo by Joel Jackson.*