

1981 SPEAKERS

For 1981 the educational portion of our monthly meetings will try to serve a two-fold purpose. Besides trying to offer educational and interesting speakers this year we will be trying to earn all members in attendance credits towards their pesticide recertification. The State Department of Agriculture through Bob Eharts office is looking at the possibility of recertifying pesticide applicators through attendance at approved educational lectures. Once a person has written and passed the initial exam for certification, the five year recertification can be accomplished by earning lecture credits. Our association is going to try and have a number of our education sessions meet this approved lecture criteria. A superintendent will then have the option of attaining a certain number of lecture credits or rewriting the one day exam. The thought is to utilize some of the speakers at our monthly meetings, the U.W. spring seminars, the fall turf symposium (if possible) and any other seminars that our members might normally attend each year. If a member can get credit for attending these programs which may attend already it could be a fairly simple alternative to recertification. The State Department of Ag feels that once an applicator has been initially tested he merely has to keep himself current on new products and methods by attending educational sessions.

The mechanics of this whole plan have yet to be fully worked out. The concept and some procedures have been set forth but the fine details need time to be worked out.

The speakers for the coming year are as follows:

- March — Round table discussion
- April 20 Mr. Ned Brinkman
Manager General Sales —
Turf Products Division
Jacobsen Manufacturing Company
Ned will speak on the turf equipment market now and in the future as they relate to the gov't outdoor power equipment guidelines.
- May 19 Dr. Gayle Worf
U.W. Extension Plant Pathologist
"Fungicides, New and Old — And Dollarspot"
Dr. Worf plans to discuss present dollarspot research and discuss our care and nurture of the new fungicides.
- June 15 Dr. Gayle Worf
U.W. Extension Plant Pathologist
"Research and observations on Poa Annuum summer decline"
Poa Annuum summer decline is being recognized around the midwest as more than just a summer phenomenon. The problem is now being looked into greater from the pathological angle. Dr. Worf is the midwest/country's only researcher on this problem.

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- July 13 Dr. Gayle Worf
U.W. Extension Plant Pathologist
"Research on our declining Maples —
Can we turn it around?"
Dr. Worf will present last years research findings on this widespread problem.
- Note: Dr. Worf approached the association with the three subjects mentioned for May, June, July. The reason for three successive talks by Dr. Worf was not a shortage of other speakers but rather the timely nature of his material and its relevance to our association.
- August 10 Mr. Phil Peleteri
U.W. Extension Entomologist
"Insects as they relate to Wisconsin trees, shrubs and turf"
Mr. Peleteri is a young energetic man with wealth of knowledge on insect pests. We would like as many members as possible to meet Phil and know of the service that he can provide.
- September 28 Ken Altdorfer
Vice-President
McKay Nursery Company
Waterloo, Wis.
"Trees, their selection, planting and care"
Ken represents Wisconsin's largest nursery and is a true professional in tree and shrub selection and care. Ken is a down to earth gentleman whose interests lie not with trying to make a quick sale but rather in helping customers like us, professionals in our own field, understand the proper selection and long term care for nursery material. Among Ken's many duties McKays is the handling of all commercial accounts.
- October 12 Golf Tournament — no speaker