

Spring Educational Meeting Review

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On Monday, March 4, our spring educational/business meeting was held at the Ramada Hotel in Fond du Lac. The day began with an array of pastries, coffee, and juices. The meeting was well attended by 71 superintendents from around the state.

There was a panel discussion on the issue of environmental concerns, moderated by Dr. Frank Rossi. The panel included four seasoned golf course superintendents: Jerry Kershasky (Westmoor CC), Mike Lee (Blackwolf Run), Gene Milota (Brown Deer Park GC), and Jake Renner (Trappers Turn GC). Also contributing were Brian Swingle (WI. Dept. of Ag.), Karen Hale (Madison Audubon Society), and Dr. Wayne Surles (Agr-Evo).

A lively discussion centered around different scenarios concerning daily golf course operations and unique approaches and solutions to common and not-so-common problems. It was clear at the end of the session that

each person had his own individual strategy for confronting the problems that Dr. Rossi presented. Although the opinions varied on how to react to the hypothetical dilemmas, each panel member proposed solutions that reflected the environmental concern we all share.

The panel members did an excellent job of fielding difficult questions before an audience of their peers. Dr. Rossi also proved to be extremely proficient in engineering extraordinary problems unique to our profession.

Following the panel discussion, GCSAA representative Randy Zidik presented a review of the chapter affiliation and dual membership requirements. A question-and-answer period sparked a lively exchange of viewpoints on these issues. It was apparent that more time for discussion would be needed before our association is able to decide on future involvement with the GCSAA.



Dr. Rossi fumbled both for words and at opening a going-away gift from the WGCSA. When he finally got the paper off, he found a Numen/Lumen lamp.

A steak sandwich lunch was served after the educational portion of the day, giving us time to relax and visit with friends. 🍴



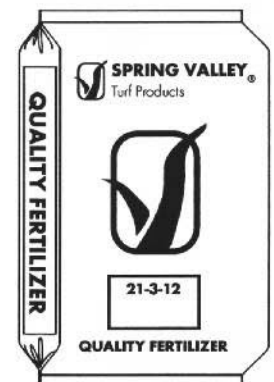
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