



Monday, January 6th — 1st day of conference

Summarizing the 1975 Mid-Atlantic Conference

The theme for the annual Mid-Atlantic conference dealt with ways to save money and operate on reduced budgets in 1975.

Dr. Herbert Cole gave suggestions on management techniques we could use for disease control instead of spraying fungicides. I am sure some of us will have to use different management practices in 1975, as fungicide costs will increase as much as 25%.

Dr. Douglas Hawes reported on his warm season-cool season combination grass plots. It is gratifying to see that some research is being conducted into suitable grass combinations for the transition zone.

Dr. Richard Schmidt from VPI discussed growth regulators, and the problems related to them. It is possible that we will be using more and more growth regulators each year in order to reduce labor costs.

nitrogen leaching. This information could certainly be of benefit to us in the construction of greens.

Dr. Joseph Troll, who is doing nematode research at the University of Massachusetts, gave some interesting facts about the different types of nematodes and nematode control. Nematodes can affect different varieties of grasses in various ways.

A report by Dr. Ralph Engel on efficiency and safety in controlling weeds on the golf course showed the results his research has produced in pre-emergence crabgrass control, and what routes we have left open for poa annua control.

The final speaker of the day was Dr. William Mitchell, who has built three experimental golf greens at the University of Delaware, using eight different soil mixes and employing surface and sub-surface irrigation. With

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individual drainage pipes for each soil type, Dr. Mitchell could gather information on infiltration rates and Tuesday morning a panel was set up with Al Radko, Richard Valentine, Angelo Cammarota, and Dr. John Hall. "Ways to Survive in '75" was the topic for the day. Suggested survival techniques were keeping our equipment in top operating condition, and getting the most efficiency possible out of each piece of equipment in the barn. Also, we must use our labor force efficiently, and recognize and incorporate all of the abilities each of our men and women possess. In addition, we will have to buy our chemicals wisely, and use other management means to fight disease, and last, but not least, stay informed through conferences, publications, and communicating with one another in order to survive in 1975.

Submitted by Gerald Gerard
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