

## TURFGRASS 79

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ence attendees were able to cool off as freely flowing beer was served in the exhibit hall.

On Tuesday morning the golf course superintendents were joined by over 200 other turf managers for the 14th Annual Maryland Sod Conference and the 2nd Annual P.G.M.S. Winter Turf Conference. The combined session on Tuesday morning brought together Dr. Joe Vargas, Michigan State Univ. Turfgrass Pathologist, Dr. Haruo Tashiro, Cornell University Turfgrass Entomologist and Ms. Pat Sanders, PSU Turfgrass Pathologist for an excellent session on disease and insect topics.

After another lunch-time visit with the commercial exhibitors, conference goers could select from three individual sessions to attend. The golf course management session was highlighted by presentations from golf course superintendents Guy Tedesco and Larry Bunn, both of whom traveled down from Massachusetts. Pat Sanders held a disease identification workshop late in the afternoon where superintendents got a chance to identify turf diseases using a microscope. This same workshop will be held in Atlanta at the GCSAA Convention, but for a \$20 extra registration fee!

At the same time as the golf course management session, sod growers were hearing the latest in sod production, harvesting and installation practices in their individual afternoon session. In another session commercial lawn care personnel were covering some of the business aspects of lawn care operation such as advertising, marketing and projecting a professional image to their customers.

Tuesday's events ended with the TURFGRASS 79 banquet and awards program. Dr. Darrah was presented an Outstanding Service Award by the Maryland Turfgrass Council for his work in organizing and coordinating TURFGRASS 78 and 79. The Mid-Atlantic presented Bill Emerson with the Past President's Award. Dave Fairbanks received the MAAGCS Superintendents of the Year Award and Angelo Cammarota received the Distinguished Director Award. In addition Bob Shields presented the Emmet Gary Scholarship Awards to four Univ. of MD agronomy students on behalf of the Mary-

land State Golf Association and Lambert Cissel presented the Parker Shirling Turfgrass Scholarships to another agronomy student on behalf of the Maryland Turfgrass Association.

On Wednesday morning, the last day of TURFGRASS 79, the educational session updated attendees on the latest information concerning grub control in turf, the control of ornamental insect pests, new turfgrass herbicides and the latest on pesticide regulations and certification. Also in this session was an excellent presentation by Mr. Jim Vaccaro of the Dow Chemical Company on the safe handling and use of turfgrass pesticides.

TURFGRASS 79 presented the opportunity for the professional turf manager to attend 12 hours of educational sessions. Over 27 speakers were on hand, 21 of which were out-of-state guests, superintendents, sod growers or lawn care businessmen. In addition there were over 10 hours when attendees could visit with commercial exhibitors to discuss the use of their products. The post-conference comments have been highly favorable and the MAAGCS Educational Committee deserves a great deal of praise for their efforts in helping to organize and coordinate the program for TURFGRASS 79.

## Mid-Atlantic Golf News

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### Match Play Tournament

Anybody interested in playing in this tournament, please attend the April meeting: this is the qualifying round. The low 16 golfers will then compete at the next meeting, eliminating 1/2 of the field. This will continue each month until a final round. Everyone will receive *full* handicaps at the qualifying round: the second round will be 85% of the difference in the handicaps between the two players of each match. If you qualify, the time and pairings will be made for the future match.

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