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Education Update

8th Annual Spring Education Seminar

A success! The 8th Annual Education Seminar was a wonderful success, and there are a lot of people responsible for putting it all together. First and foremost, I would like to recognize our sponsors, who provide the Association with the opportunity to have events like this that fit within our increasingly tight budgets.

Our sponsors for this event were Turf Equipment and Supply Co., Inc., Fisher & Sons, Finch Services, Davisson Golf, Egypt Arms, Genesis Turfgrass, and Helena Chemical Company. Thank you very much and hats off to your continued support!

I also want to take a moment to recognize once again the efforts of Scott Wunder in putting together such an excellent group of presenters, Steve Evans for his dedication to getting so many of the behind the scenes details worked out at the Student Union, and Theresa Baria for her fantastic support to the Board of Directors and to the Mid-Atlantic Association in all that we do. We all appreciate their efforts!

Those of you fortunate enough to be in attendance on March 20th, saw an "All-Star" lineup of speakers present new information on a variety of topics. Steve McDonald and Dr. Dernoeden highlighted some of their latest research and stirred up interest with a number of questions from the attendees; Herb Stevens enlightened the crowd with some very interesting information about the global warming "hoax;" Dr. Roch Gaussion is in the middle of some exciting research on organic matter dilution in sand-based greens; Dr. Karl Danneberger brought to "light" some of his newest shade research; Keith Happ's photos and stories are helping us answer tough

questions that are posed to us on the golf course; Dr. Kevin Mathias is introducing some useful training modules to educate your staff; and Peter Maybach and Jeff Michel presented fascinating data regarding water quality, soil nutrition availability, and sand selection.

What a wealth of information! If you were unable to attend this year, call your neighbor and get a copy of their notes! I will be looking into new ways that we can make the event even more affordable and hopefully allow even more turf professionals to attend next year. Please don't forget to sign up early, as it is likely to be a high-demand opportunity.

It's going to be a great year! Hope to see you all at the next monthly meeting.

Jon Lobenstine

Education Chair



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