



Sports Turf Maintenance Practices
An afternoon with Dr. Jack Eggens
(Stephen Tolley)

A retired professor from the University of Guelph, Dr. Jack Eggens is very well known for his expertise in turf

management. He spoke to a group of eager turf enthusiasts about sports turf cultural practices. He enlightened us through his wit and humour and above all, his knowledge of the subject.

After a very nice lunch break, we took a walk down to the sports fields where we began the second half of our day. We were broken up into several small groups and asked to do a field assessment. After we critiqued the field (to death), we gathered around Jack where he questioned us on our findings.

After an intense discussion about the field and its current condition, Jack led us in the direction of what we should be looking for and in the proper order. This discussion moved onto the many facets of cultural practices, schedules, maintenance programs and other main components associated with turf management.

One main point that should be noted is that when overseeding, Jack recommends 20 pounds per thousand of perennial rye grass (ha, ha, ha). There goes this year's budget!

Another notable quote of his: "If it's already working for you, stick with it!"

Overall, a very worthwhile afternoon for everyone. Thanks, Jack!

And thanks to all participants, speakers, exhibitors and sponsors. See you next year! ♦



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