

2005 USGA Green Section Education Conference Golf Industry Show

Friday, February 11, 2005
Orlando, Florida

FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

10:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks

DAVID OATIS, *Director, Northeast Region*

10:05 a.m.

Golf's Environmental Situation for 2005 — Where Do We Stand?

KIMBERLY ERUSHA, PH.D.,
Director of Education

The golf industry must stay actively involved in environmental issues. Attendees will be updated on USGA environmental programs to sustain effective communication with supporters and adversaries.

10:15 a.m.

Where is Green Speed Taking the Game?

MATT NELSON, *Agronomist*, and
LARRY GILHULY, *Director, Northwest Region*
How much has green speed really changed in 25 years? Real numbers from USGA archives shed light on the dramatic change in putting green speed and how speed affects pace of play, setup, and enjoyment of the game. Is this trend good for the game?

10:25 a.m.

Organic Fertilizer Considerations

STAN ZONTEK, *Director, Mid-Atlantic Region*
Organic fertilizers should exhibit agronomic reliability, predictable release characteristics, appropriate physical properties, and consideration for the environment.

10:35 a.m.

Presentation of 2005 USGA Green Section Award

BRUCE RICHARDS, *USGA Executive Committee*

10:45 a.m.

Distance Control: The Game We Love, and the USGA

FRED RIDLEY, *USGA President*
President Ridley offers an overview of some of the major issues impacting the game of golf.

11:05 a.m.

Using Turf and Environmental Research to Your Advantage

MIKE KENNA, PH.D., *Director,*
USGA Research Program

Accessing research results is just a click away. Learn how to refine search strategies and distill information into a useable form for members, owners, committees, and other interested parties.

11:15 a.m.

Strategies for Organic Matter Control in Putting Greens

CHRIS HARTWIGER, *Agronomist,*
Southeast Region, and
PAUL VERMEULEN, *Director,*
Mid-Continent Region

Climatic differences require different cultivation strategies, but the bottom line is satisfying agronomic objectives while minimizing disruption to golf course playability. Balancing politics and agronomy requires conviction, communication, and a good plan for managing putting greens.

11:30 a.m.

Developing Guidelines for Tee Construction

JIM MOORE, *Director,*
Construction Education Program

Tee construction guidelines would help protect owners, builders, and golf course superintendents.

11:45 a.m.

Alternative Turfgrasses: Panacea or Problems?

JOHN FOY, *Director, Florida Region*, and
BUD WHITE, *Senior Agronomist,*
Mid-Continent Region

Do alternative turfgrass species provide the total solution? Experience suggests an integrated management program is necessary.

12:00 p.m.

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2005 USGA NATIONAL & REGIONAL CONFERENCES

National Conference

February 11 Orange County
Convention Center
Orlando, Florida

Florida Region

January 18 *Quail West Golf and
Country Club
Naples, Florida
November TBA Palm Beach Gardens Marriott
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Mid-Atlantic Region

February 28 Pittsburgh Expo Mart
Monroeville, Pennsylvania
March 17 Woodholme Country Club
Pikesville, Maryland

Mid-Continent Region

March 15 Brook Hollow Country Club
Dallas, Texas

Northeast Region

March 8 Rhode Island
Convention Center
Providence, Rhode Island
March 16 Wheatley Hills Country Club
Long Island, New York
March 22 Oak Hill Country Club
Rochester, New York

Southeast Region

March 15 Pinehurst Country Club
Pinehurst, North Carolina

Northwest Region

March 9 Holiday Inn
Bozeman, Montana
March 21 Inglewood Country Club
Seattle, Washington
March 22 Lakewood Country Club
Lakewood, Colorado
April 5 Waialae Country Club
Honolulu, Hawaii

Southwest Region

January 10 Old Ranch Country Club
Seal Beach, California
March 16 The Arizona Biltmore
Phoenix, Arizona
March 21 Castlewood Country Club
Pleasanton, California
March 22 Spanish Trail Country Club
Las Vegas, Nevada

*Program focused on turf issues for golfers