

# 2009 USGA Green Section Education Conference

Friday, February 6, 2009  
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center  
New Orleans, Louisiana

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ECONOMY! GOOD IDEAS TO HELP YOU TIGHTEN YOUR BELT

Moderator: Ty McClellan, agronomist, Mid-Continent Region

10:05-10:15 a.m.

### **Water, Water Everywhere**

*Be aware: The hidden costs of overwatering can cost you in more ways than one.*

Darin Bevard, senior agronomist,  
Mid-Atlantic Region

10:15-10:30 a.m.

### **Overcome Your Infatuation with Base Saturation — Does It Make Sense to Apply All That Calcium?**

*Base saturation is being used to make fertilizer and soil amendment recommendations and define where calcium applications may be helpful for turf growth. Understand these ratios to ensure that unnecessary applications are avoided.*

Brian Whitlark, agronomist,  
Southwest Region

10:30-10:40 a.m.

### **The Cost of Making Wind**

*Is blowing hot air burning through your wallet? The surprising numbers involved in the installation and annual operational costs of fans.*

Patrick O'Brien, director, Southeast Region

10:40-10:50 a.m.

### **Naturalized Areas: Beauty and the Beast**

*Developing naturalized areas brings many benefits to the golf course, but beware: maintenance-free it is not!*

Jim Skorulski, senior agronomist, Northeast Region, and John Foy, director, Florida Region

10:50-11:00 a.m.

### **Presentation of the 2009 Green Section Award**

11:00-11:10 a.m.

### **Pipe Dreams — Do Water Conditioners and In-Line Pipe Devices Really Work?**

*A perspective on the usefulness of in-line pipe devices for water treatment.*

Pat Gross, director, Southwest Region

11:10-11:20 a.m.

### **Form vs. Function: The "Wow" Factor Can Be Costly**

*With ever-changing economics, it is more important than ever to cost out maintenance procedures while still meeting golfer expectations. This presentation offers suggestions on mowing tactics and the economics of preparing the playing surface.*

Keith Happ, senior agronomist,  
Mid-Atlantic Region

11:20-11:30 a.m.

### **What the Inorganic Soil Amendments Really Have to Offer**

*New products are constantly being introduced in the marketplace. What can be expected from inorganic soil amendments used in the field — new construction and daily maintenance?*

Bud White, director, Mid-Continent Region

11:30-11:40 a.m.

### **With a Good Mechanic, It Will Run Forever**

*Having a good mechanic is vital to any maintenance operation, but keeping equipment past its useful lifespan can bust a budget and prevent the mechanic from focusing on quality-of-cut issues.*

Chris Hartwiger, senior agronomist,  
Southeast Region

11:40-11:55 a.m.

### **Bunkers: Can Your Golf Course Afford Them?**

*It's expensive to construct and maintain bunkers to the very high standards many golfers desire.*

Jim Moore, director, Construction Education

## 2009 USGA NATIONAL & REGIONAL CONFERENCES

### National Conference

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### Mid-Atlantic Region

February 24 Country Club of Virginia  
Richmond, Virginia

March 10 Woodholme Country Club  
Pikesville, Maryland

### Mid-Continent Region

April 14 Barton Creek Resort  
Austin, Texas

December 16 Overland Park  
Convention Center  
Overland Park, Kansas

### Northeast Region

March 3 Rhode Island  
Convention Center  
Providence, Rhode Island

March 19 Hackensack Golf Club  
Hackensack, New Jersey

### Southeast Region

March 10 Grandover Resort  
Greensboro, North Carolina

### Northwest Region

March 3 Holiday Inn Cody  
Cody, Wyoming

March 10 Lakewood Country Club  
Lakewood, Colorado

March 23 Fircrest Golf Club  
Tacoma, Washington

### Southwest Region

January 12 The Victoria Club  
Riverside, California

March 16 Sharon Heights Country Club  
Menlo Park, California

March 30 Tuscan Falls Country Club  
Goodyear, Arizona