

Greens Management Academy Produces All Star Cast at Turtle Point Meeting



Speakers Mike Young, golf course architect, and Brad Klein of Golf Week SuperNEWS, with Scott Peevey of Wintercomm Marketing and host superintendent, Glen Junkin

management in the Dept. of Agronomy at Auburn University, brought the session to a close with a discussion of “Topics in Greens Management and Turfgrass Selection.” His presentation covered the following:

- Managing stress-related Bermudagrass greens.
- Bentgrass vs. Bermudagrass turf selection
- Issues in Bermudagrass overseed transition.



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BASF presented Golfweek’s SuperNEWS Greens Management Academy at the Turtle Point Meeting on June 12th. Speakers at the event were Brad Klein, Ph.D. Editor of SuperNEWS, Mike Young, golf course architect, and David Han, Ph.D. from Auburn University.

Dr. Klein spoke on “The Theory and Practice of Greens,” highlighting the following:

- Greens are the No. 1 priority item in terms of play and players’ perceptions of the golf course
- Greens are the primary focus of design and architecture.
- There’s a growing tension between classic design values and modern maintenance standards.

Dr. Klein, a former PGA Tour caddie, holds a Ph.D. in political science and was a university professor for 14 years before leaving academia to become a full-time golf writer. He is the author of four books on golf course architecture. Klein’s design biography, “Discovering Donald Ross,” won the USGA International Book Award for 2001.

Mike Young, Golf Course Architect from Athens, Georgia, spoke on “When to Renovate and When to Rebuild Your Greens.” Mr. Young’s completed projects include Cateechee Golf Course, Henderson Golf Club, Lane Creek GC, Marietta City Club, Wolf Creek GC in Georgia, Island GC in Louisiana and Hacienda Pinilla GC in Costa Rica. Recently, Young formed a design affiliation with former PGA Tour pro Charlie Rymer. Mr. Young’s main points included:

- The first things we look for in established greens are the size and slope of surfaces.
- Design considerations for green recapture.
- Design considerations for total reconstruction

In addition to BASF this event was sponsored by E-Z-Go, Tycrop, GreensGroomer, LebanonTurf, Redexim Charterhouse and John Deere. The AGCSA greatly appreciates the support of these sponsors and the hard work of all those who took part in the presentation.

Professor David Han, extension specialist and associate professor of turfgrass



*Amy Bailey and John White
attend Greens Clinic*

Present at the seminar from BASF was Robbie Marioneaux, Scott Pevey of Wintercomm Marketing, BASF's Marketing Group and Dr. Toni Riggini Bucci. Many of you know Robbie who is the sales specialist for our area. Dr. Bucci is the business manager of the BASF Professional Turf and Ornamentals Group headquartered in Research Triangle Park, NC. Dr. Bucci, who has a doctorate in entomology, has worked in every facet of bringing chemical solutions to the market. Other special guests at the event included Jon Kiger, John Moore and Tom Moore from GolfNEWS.

Glen Junkin did an excellent job as host superintendent. The 44 golfers who played in the tournament lucked out with the weather. Although some thunderstorms rolled through the area in the early morning hours, the front served to cool things off in the afternoon. There was a pleasant breeze blowing in off the Tennessee River most of the day. Many thanks to Glen and his assistant, Foster Jordan, and the rest of their team. We would also like to thank Greg Glover, golf pro at Turtle Point and his staff, as well as Mike Barrett, and Vann Carter for taking good care of us.



Steve Sanderson with Agrialiance at left; Dennis James of Decatur Country Club on right.

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