



- 8:00 a.m.    **Registration** – Coffee and Danish
- 8:30 a.m.    **Welcoming Remarks**
- 8:35 a.m.    **USGA Green Section – “Better Turf for Better Golf”**  
John Foy, Director, Florida Region, USGA Green Section  
*The USGA Green Section is the only non-biased agency devoted solely to golf course playing conditions and its environment. Learn about its history, current research projects and future goals of the association.*
- 9:00 a.m.    **Overseeding – “The Goods, the Bads, the Ugliers”**  
Todd Lowe, USGA Agronomist  
*Overseeding provides pretty, green golf courses during the winter season, but not without a cost. Learn about the pros and cons of this practice and techniques for being successful at your club.*
- 9:30 a.m.    **Bunkers – “Hazards or Havens?”**  
Bob Vavrek, USGA Senior Agronomist  
*Bunker playability is a common topic on many of our visits. Learn some of the common factors that affect sand firmness and bunker consistency so that you can properly address comments concerning bunker conditioning.*
- 10:00 a.m.    **Stretch Break**
- 10:15 a.m.    **Putting Greens – “Is it All About Speed?”**  
John Foy  
*Golf courses are often evaluated by how well the putting greens perform. Learn about stimpeters and factors affecting putting speed as well as other factors that affect putting green quality and how to maximize playability without jeopardizing turfgrass health.*
- 10:45 a.m.    **Trees – “Dealing With Shady Characters”**  
Bob Vavrek  
*Trees are integral to golf course playability and design but create challenges for maintaining good turfgrass growth. Learn about how to maintain the best of both worlds and when it is time to say goodbye to those beloved trees.*
- 11:15 a.m.    **Written Maintenance Guidelines – “Setting Standards”**  
Todd Lowe  
*Your golf course is being maintained to some type of standard. Learn how to formalize guidelines that meet golfer expectations within the budget and address comments like “How can we take it up a notch?”*
- 11:45 a.m.    **Open Discussion on Agronomic Issues**  
John Foy, Bob Vavrek, Todd Lowe  
*Other pertinent topics will be discussed, including disease issues that have plagued Florida golf courses this playing season, as well as the importance of allowing periodic course closures for maintenance practices. This is the perfect time to ask all of those burning questions on golf course maintenance issues!*
- 12:30 a.m.    **Adjourn** – Lunch

