

Education Continues: A Review of the 2013 Green Section Regional Meeting in Charlotte, NC

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On March 25 – 26, almost 200 golf industry professionals gathered at Carmel Country Club to attend the USGA Green Section Regional Meeting. The meeting was co-sponsored by the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendent Association who did a marvelous job administering the meeting. Everyone enjoyed playing Carmel Country Club's South Course and a full day of education. Thank you to all who attended. Below are two brief highlights of this meeting.

Tips for Submitting Samples to a Diagnostic Lab

Dr. Jimmy Kerns, plant pathologist at NC State University, gave an interesting presentation on diagnosing diseases and how to submit a sample to a diagnostic lab. He provided some important tips that can help aid in any lab's diagnostic efforts. Remember these tips the next time you need to submit a sample to a diagnostic lab.

- Collect the sample from the edge of the affected area. Including all dead turf will not help with the diagnosis.
- Wrap the sample in aluminum foil.
- Label the samples. Ex. 10th green.
- Pack in a box, ship overnight if possible. Also, don't ship over a weekend.
- Pictures are helpful, but don't send close ups. A good picture is taken from a distance and shows the disease in context.

Ike Grainger Award Recipients

Established in 1995 as part of the USGA's Centennial Celebration, the Ike Grainger Award recognizes those volunteers who have given 25 years of service to the Association. Grainger served on the USGA Executive Committee and rose to become president from 1954-55. During his tenure, Grainger helped negotiate the first uniform code of Rules with the R&A (Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews).

In 2013, two members of the Green Section Committee were presented with this distinguished award. Mr. Harold Burns is the golf course superintendent at The Country Club of Spartanburg in Spartanburg, SC. Mr. Ken Mangum is the Director of Golf Courses and Grounds at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, GA. We thank these gentlemen for their service to the USGA.



USGA Green Section Southeast Director Patrick O'Brien presented Harold Burns and Ken Mangum with the USGA's Ike Grainger Award for 25 years of service to the association.