

(Illinois Lawn's 40th)

Illinois Lawn Equipment celebrated 40 years of service to the turfgrass industry with an open house on September 14th and 15th.

The gala affair, held at Illinois Lawn's location in Orland Park, featured a history (or memorabilia) tent and six tents of equipment in the food tent. Featured were Blue Point Oysters on the half shell (1600 were consumed), chicken and beef or pork, salads, vegetables and desserts. Lunch and dinner were served on Wednesday and lunch on Thursday.

Approximately 650 turfgrass professionals attended and celebrated with the Illinois Lawn team and Illinois Lawn's suppliers. Also present were many retired superintendents.



From the left — Jill Loritz, Bob Johnson, Rick Johnson, Mark Johnson and Chris Johnson



Pete Vandercook prepares to chauffeur Carl Hopphan, Mark Kowaliczko (on left) and Todd Hopphan (back to camera)



From the left — Bob Johnson, Tom DiGuido, Frank Ross and Buz Didier



From the left — Luke Strojny, Ernie Corsi, Wayne Trometer and Greg Thalman



Bull Sheet Editor checks out the oysters



Bob Johnson, Al and Adolph Bertucci at the oyster bar



Al Bertucci in the chow line