

The First Annual Chemical Cup Hockey Game: In the Books!

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Hockey and golf course superintendents might not seem like an obvious match to everyone in the "turf world," but high-speed movement, cutting edges, and constant checking are things every superintendent does. The idea for the Chemical Cup was conceived at an ITF golf day by Hank Wilkinson (U of I turfgrass professor and wanna-be hockey player), Kerry Andersen (Rhone-Poulenc, hockey player) and Brian Winkel (Zeneca, refreshment organizer), as a forum to encourage Illinois superintendents to come and visit the U of I campus.

On the weekend of October 21, 1997, over 20 superintendents, sod growers, chemical salesmen and interested friends traveled to the U of I Urbana-Champaign

campus for two days of fun. The hockey game was played at 11:30 p.m. Friday night at the University Ice Arena. There were professional referees, game jerseys, a time keeper, and scorer. The two teams squared off for more than an hour of fast action. The black jerseys won by two goals (they brought a ringer!!!!), but no one was hurt. After the game, everyone collected at the Turf Research Farm for brats and nonalcoholic refreshments cooked and served by Illinois Turf Club President Matt Kruegal and Vice President Andy Zimmerman. The next day, all were invited to attend a brunch at the Open House for the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Department and then treated to the Purdue-Illinois football game. It was a great time for all.

While there were no costs to those who attended the event, the following individuals and their employers gladly supported this event. It is very satisfying to realize that the Illinois Turf Industry

is much more than just a profession, it is a family of great people.

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All are welcome to attend and/or participate in the Second Annual Chemical Cup Event in 1998! ■

