

Noer Foundation announces research projects it is funding

HALES CORNER, Wis. — The O.J. Noer Research Foundation which committed to a record funding level of nearly \$100,000 over the past two years to support turfgrass research, has announced funding for five projects during 1993.

Scheduled to receiving funding as part of the grant are:

- University of Wisconsin Dr. Wayne Kussow's research on performance standards for amendments in sand matrix-putting greens;
- Michigan State University Dr. Paul Rieke's research on time domain

Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Kentucky supported

reflectometry for evaluating irrigation programming;

- Georgia Coastal Plains Experiment Station Dr. Wayne Hannah's research on centipede breeding;
- University of Kentucky Dr. Daniel Potter's work on comparative toxicity of pesticides to earthworms and other beneficial soil invertebrates and compatibility with thatch breakdown in turf; and
- University of Minnesota Dr. Don

White's research on improvement of poa annua reptans for golf turf.

The O.J. Noer Research Foundation was established in 1959 to promote scientific research in turfgrass and related fields, to train graduate students to conduct research by offering financial assistance, and to honor the late O.J. Noer, one of the first and most respected turfgrass agronomists.

Since that time, nearly \$400,000 has been

contributed through donations and fundraising efforts.

The president of the foundation is Anthony Grasso, retired from Metro Milorganite in Westchester County, N.Y. Vice President is Bill Schmidt, sales manager for E.H. Griffith in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Other officers include Treasurer Don Stein, president of Kellogg Seed in Milwaukee; James Spindler, marketing manager of Wheelabrator Technologies, Agronomist and Research director; and Executive Bob Welch, Secretary retired agronomist, of Bradenton, Fla.



Karsten Lab set to open, will tackle major research

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Karsten Laboratory for Turfgrass Research, to be the centerpiece of the University of Arizona's Desert Turfgrass Research Center, will be dedicated in ceremonies at 10 a.m. May 18.

The laboratory, located at the campus of the Agricultural Center, will feature the world's largest tanks lysimeters for turfgrass research.

Each lysimeter measures 12 feet deep and seven feet in diameter and contains 50 tons of soil on scales sensitive enough to measure the morning dew. These lysimeters will provide key research data on water reuse and conservation.

University scientists expect to help the golf industry by combining this information with environmental studies on protection of ground water through best management practices in growing turf.

The lab is named in honor of the Karsten Solheim family of Karsten Manufacturing in Phoenix, for whom the school's golf course is also named.

Former major league catcher and broadcaster Joe Garagiola will speak at the ceremonies. Key officials of the golf industry, along with university scientists and students, will also attend the event, which will include a Western barbecue and an open house in the afternoon.

Heart of America raising funds

OLATHE, Kan. — The Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association will hold its annual Scholarship and Research Tournament at Shadow Glen Golf Club here on June 7.

The bulk of the funds will support research at Kansas State and the University of Missouri — particularly work on zoysia patch disease and ryegrass stress.

More information is available from Jud Coester at Meadowbrook Country Club, 9101 Nall Ave., Prairie Village, Kan. 66207.

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