## Wisconsin Turfgrass Winter Conference

By Tom Harrison

The Wisconsin Turfgrass Association held its fourth annual Winter Turf Conference/Annual Meeting on January 24, 1985. The event, held at the Arlington Exposition Center, attracted over 160 turf professionals from around the midwest. After registration, rolls and coffee; staff members from the U.W.-Madison Extension presented talks on 1984's field work, research progress, and insight into new and old products. Discussion time was spent on which products worked as well as which did not. Speakers included Dr. Dan Mahr, Dr. Robert Newman, Dr. Gayle Worf, Dr. Wayne Kussow and Roseann Kachadoorian. After lunch Dr. Donald Peterson, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences U.W.-Madison, gave a brief welcome and many words of thanks and encouragement to all in attendance. Dean Peterson praised the turf industry for digging in and supporting U.W. researchers when budgets are tight and outside help is essential for programs to continue.

Following Dean Peterson, John Turner representing the Tuco Company came forward to present a \$500 scholarship to Wayne Horman, a U.W. student in Turfgrass Management at the U.W.—Madison. Tuco is setting up an annual \$500 scholarship for a U.W. undergraduate student interested



Lunchtime



John Turner presenting TUCO scholarship to U.W. student Wayne Horman.



Attendees gathered for annual meeting.

in turf as a profession. The scholarship award presentation is to be a regular part of the WTA winter turf conference. The afternoon session was divided between the WTA annual meeting and time to informally discuss turf problems with U.W. researchers. The annual meeting was very brief with little discussion from the membership followed by the election of three new board members. Board members elected for three year



New WTA banner, compliments of Ed Devinger.

terms included: Arnie Seig (The Bruce Co.), Monroe Miller (Blackhawk C.C.), and Red Roskopf (Camelot C.C.).

The conference was deemed a success by everyone in attendance. A meeting such as this allows turf professionals to break up a long cold Wisconsin winter and meet with associates to share thoughts on 1984's successes and failures and point to the new year with much optimism.



Dr. Worf and WTA members discussing turf diseases.

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