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ANDY NORTH VISITS 1985 WISCONSIN GOLF TURF SYMPOSIUM!

The 20th annual Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium will be long remembered by those in attendance. The 1985 meeting, co-hosted by the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District and the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association, was honored by the presence of the 1985 U.S. Open Champion, Andy North. Andy, a resident of Madison and a member of the Nakoma Golf Club, joined the noon luncheon and after some very interesting remarks and reflections about his career in professional golf, took questions from the audience. It was a rare opportunity and he was candid in his answers. The warmth and sincerity he conveyed left a lasting impression. It was gracious of Ted Woehrle to attend since Andy won his most recent Championship on Ted's golf course, Oakland Hills Country Club in suburban Detroit. Gene Haas summed up the feeling of many when he pointed out that Andy North was a hero in the eyes of thousands of junior golfers in Wisconsin, as well as everyone in the room that day. As an expression of gratitude, WGCSA President Monroe Miller presented Andy with a numbered, limited edition, leatherbound copy of "The Life of Old Tom Morris."

The Wisconsin State Golf Association selected the occasion of the Symposium luncheon to present the Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame Award to the late O.J. Noer. Noer, to whose memory the Symposium is dedicated, was the sole 1985 inductee into the Hall of Fame and is the first non-golfer

ever selected for this honor. Thanks to the efforts of Gene Haas, Mr. Noer's daughter, Mary Noer Van Der Burch, travelled from her home in Pebble Beach, California to accept the award for her father. It was presented by the WSGA's Jerry Lemberg. Also given to Mrs. Van Der Burch was a water color caricature of O.J. painted by GRASSROOTS illustrator, Gene Haas. It was a sentimental moment that made for some special memories.

The Noer Foundation, represented by its President Tony Grasso, also chose this time to make a Distinguished Service Award to Jim Latham. Latham, longtime WGCSA member, was the Foundation's research director for many years. He retired from the MMSD last year after 25 years of work and assumed the directorship of the Great Lakes Region of the USGA Green Section.

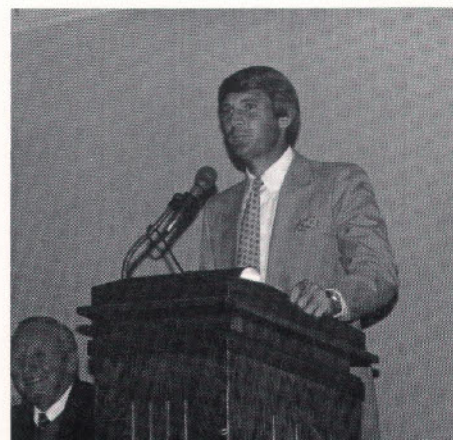
The speakers accepting invitations to address the 1985 Symposium provided a wealth of infor-



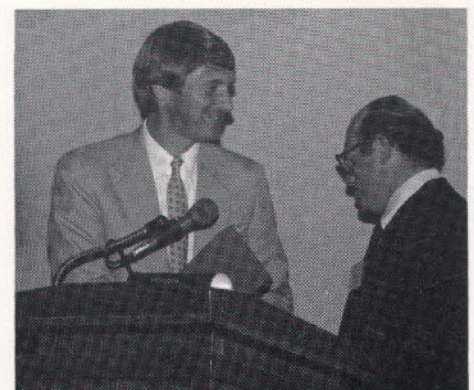
O.J. Noer's daughter, Mrs. Dirk Van Der Burch, accepts Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame Award from Jerry Lemberg of the WSGA.



Mrs. Van Der Burch accepts congratulations on behalf of her father, O.J. Noer.



Andy North, 1985 U.S. Open Champion.



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