

WINTER TURF CONFERENCE SETS ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR THE WISCONSIN TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

Over 220 individuals involved in the Wisconsin turfgrass industry put the 5th annual WTA Winter Turf Conference on their calendar and attended the meeting held on January 15. The 1986 meeting marked a new site for the event — the Waukesha County Forum — and a new format. A more informal "roundtable discussion" approach was taken and seemed to receive favorable reviews from the audience. Bob Newman, Gayle Worf, Dan Mahr and Wayne Kussow — all UW staff involved in turfgrass research, extension and education at the University of Wisconsin in Madison — formed the backbone of the presentations and were joined at the speaker rostrum by men involved in all the different phases of the turfgrass industry. WGCSA members that participated in the program itself were Tom Harrison, Monroe Miller, Red Roskopf and Jerry Kershasky. Kershasky gave a particularly outstanding talk on his fairway conversion program.

Another significant change in the 1986 conference was that, for the first time, turf equipment suppliers and manufacturers were invited to display their products on a small scale basis. Results were very favorable on this change and it will become a permanent feature in future conferences.

Egon Herrmann, George Brandt and Rod Johnson all ended their terms on the Board of Directors and their places were taken by WGCSA members Curt Larson and Roger Bell. Also elected was Gary Zwerlein of Milwaukee's Trammel Crow Corp. Officers elected for 1986 by the Board were Tom Harrison, President; Terry Kurth, Vice-President; Jim Huggett, Treasurer; and Monroe Miller, Secretary.



Egon Herrmann, Jerry Kershasky, Fran Tinker and Bob Newman discuss turf seeding and fairway conversion programs.



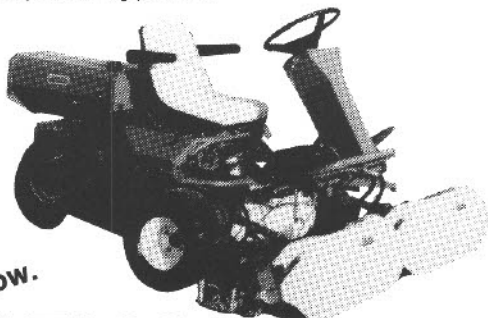
Carl Grassl, Bill Roberts and Rod Johnson were all at the WTA meeting.



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