

Hasselkus Honored

Dr. Ed Hasselkus received an Amoco University of Wisconsin-Madison "Distinguished Teaching Award" at the end of the last academic year. The award, which consists of a plaque and a cash gift, was presented to Dr. Hasselkus by the Chancellor of the Madison campus, Dr. Bernard Cohen.

Dr. Hasselkus used tutorial teaching long before it became fashionable. He worked carefully with the late Professor Longenecker and more recently with Mr. Richard Tipple to insure that the Madison campus was an appropriate teaching laboratory in terms of diversity of plant materials and comparative (good and poor) ecological sites related to successful culture of more marginal species of woody ornamentals. As curator of the Longenecker Horticulture Gardens in the University of Wisconsin Arboretum (from 1967 to present) he has extended his teaching laboratory most effectively. Dr. Hasselkus has been responsible for the teaching of the woody ornamental courses in the Horticulture Department for over a quarter of a century and counts many of Wisconsin's Golf Course Superintendents as former students. He is also a contributor to the GRASS ROOTS and has been a meeting speaker for us.

Congratulations to a most deserving recipient.

Higher Prices

The recently passed (and amended by veto!) Wisconsin State Budget has a number of changes in it that will affect the way Wisconsin registers and licenses pesticides, manufacturers and applicators. Of interest to those in the golf course industry of Wisconsin:

New Fees:

1. Dealers and distributors of restricted use pesticides
..... \$100/2 years
2. Businesses applying only general use pesticides (commercial applicators) .. \$100/2 years
3. Individual applicators of general use pesticides (includes

employees of commercial applicators) \$100/2 years
(No exam fee)

Higher Fees:

1. Businesses applying restricted-use pesticides, increases from \$25/year to \$100/2 years.

2. Individual commercial applicators of restricted-use pesticides, increases from \$10/year to \$50/2 years plus a \$10 exam fee.

Casey Update

Russ Weisensel, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council and of the Forestry/Rights-of-Way/Turf Coalition, reports that there is still no decision by Washburn County Circuit Court Judge Bailey on the FROWT suit with Mr. Mortier versus the Town of Casey. The suit asks the court to rule that the Town of Casey ordinance regulating pesticide use on private lands is invalid because of the existing State and Federal laws. This potentially landmark suit, however, was strengthened by a couple of decisions from elsewhere in the country. The good news came from Illinois and Maryland. The Supreme Court of Illinois in the Village of Waconda case and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, in Maryland with a case of Maryland Pest Control Association versus Montgomery and Prince George Counties have affirmed lower court decisions stating that local units of government are preempted from regulation of pesticide use on private land. The Illinois case cited state law and the Maryland case cited Federal law. FROWT attorneys have communicated these decisions to the Washburn County Judge deciding our case. The Judge asked the Wisconsin State Public Intervenor and the Town of Casey's attorney for comments. These higher court decisions, Russ feels, greatly strengthen our case and weaken the likelihood of an appeal by the Public Intervenor, if the Casey suit is decided in our favor.

By the way, money is needed to carry this important case forward. It is a case that could have enor-

mous impact on the golf course industry in Wisconsin. If you have not contributed toward the FROWT legal efforts on our collective behalf, please consider doing so. The legal fees are almost twice what was originally expected and this funding has been borrowed from the WA-BC general budget. It has really strained the finances of both organizations, so please, send some help. The address is

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Noer Center News

Some news we've been waiting for finally came in late July. And it was good news. Although expected, the University of Wisconsin-Madison has formally approved the application submitted by the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association for the University of Wisconsin Foundation to help raise funds for the O.J. Noer Center for Turfgrass Research. We have also learned that rezoning efforts are underway that will allow the Noer Center to be constructed on the golf course property. That item also seems to be progressing. Specific fundraising efforts have been on hold for a couple of months because volunteer help has essentially been unavailable due to the brutal summer. With the milder weather of autumn near, final details should be wrapped up soon.

WTA Golf Outing

Two WGCSA members are hosting golf tournaments this fall to raise money for the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association. Jeff Bottensek and the Stevens Point Country Club will hold a golf tournament on September 28th. You should have received a mailing about that event already. Mike Semler and Cherokee Country Club are holding a WTA golf tournament on September 1st. Details of that outing have also been mailed. Please consider these tournaments for your autumn calendar. The cause is a great one.