



NOER CENTER NEWS



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ONEIDA JOINS WITT IN SUPPORTING THE O.J. NOER CENTER for TURFGRASS RESEARCH

The officers and directors of Oneida Golf and Riding Club followed the good example of their golf course superintendent Randy Witt and voted to give \$3,000 to the O.J. NOER CENTER project over the next three years. Witt made his personal donation earlier this year.

Oneida, through this pledge, joins a number of other state golf clubs in the *Medalist* category of doors to the UW Foundation. Once again, the golf

course superintendent played a key, critical role in moving a major golf facility in the direction of research and education.

Thanks to Randy Witt and all the members of Oneida.

RACINE COUNTRY CLUB PLEDGES

Mike Handrich has been a busy guy assuming the duties involved with managing one of the finest golf courses in Wisconsin. But he's had time to request support from Racine C.C. for the O.J. NOER CENTER. After his presentation, the club officials voted to pledge \$1,000 per year for a three-year pledge period, joining a growing group of golf clubs recognizing the need for a turfgrass research facility in our state.

As one of the club officials told Mike, "a club of our stature needs to be involved in projects like this one. It's for our own benefit."

Well said.

SHEBOYGAN PINE HILLS COUNTRY CLUB BACKS THE NOER CENTER

Rod Johnson has served as a WTA director. He has hosted a WTA golf outing. He's never missed the winter conference, the summer field day or the golf outing fundraisers. That's an impressive record of dedication. Now he's added to it. His employer, the beautiful Pine Hills C.C., have made a major donation to the NOER CENTER for 1989, and Rodney feels confident that the same gift level will continue for the following two years. That moves the NOER CENTER \$3,000 closer to reality.

WAUSAU COUNTRY CLUB LEND A HELPING HAND

Lon Roberts and Paul Steinlage, members of the Wausau C.C., encouraged their club to extend help to the NOER CENTER project. The result of their efforts was a one-time gift to the research center on the new UW-Madison golf course. Thanks.

WSGA COMMITS \$5,000 TO THE NOER CENTER

The annual spring meeting of the Wisconsin State Golf Association provided some very exciting news for the fundraising program for the O.J. NOER CENTER for TURFGRASS RESEARCH.

Wisconsin Turfgrass Association director Dewey Laak attended the meeting and gave a presentation on behalf of turfgrass research and education in

Wisconsin. He explained how the NOER facility fits into those efforts. The WSGA directors were listening closely. They voted unanimously to make a five year, \$5,000 pledge to the UW Foundation for the NOER CENTER.

Support was in all quarters, led by WSGA past president Dr. David Cookson, current WSGA president Doc Weiske, WSGA director Bob Herzog and WSGA Executive Director Gene Haas.

As Haas said, "There are several factors that are key to a healthy future for golf in Wisconsin, and the WSGA knows the NOER CENTER is certainly one of them."

It's believed by this editor that the move by the WSGA will serve as a catalyst for individual golf clubs to act in a similarly positive and responsible way.

Many Individuals Join the NOER CENTER Honor Roll

The list of individual donors to the NOER CENTER has grown since the last issue of *THE GRASS ROOTS*. Randy Smith, golf course superintendent at the Nakoma Golf Club, Norm Ray, golf course superintendent at Crystal Springs, and Mike Lee, assistant golf course superintendent at the Blue Mound Country Club made gifts to the NOER project — so did Wayne and Susan Horman. Wayne is employed in the ProTurf Division of O.M. Scott and Sons in Marysville, Ohio. Susan (daughter of UW professor Jerry Apps) is a school teacher in the Columbus area.

And speaking of Scotts, Jerry and Jo O'Donnell have *again* given to the UW Foundation for the WTA project to build a research facility. Larry and Gail Lennert, now of Sheboygan, made a generous personal, joint pledge to the Foundation — a great gesture from a couple just starting out now that college is finished. Thanks to everybody!

Many individuals contributed through the "golf ball number guess" at Reinders Turf Conference last winter. The NOER CENTER coffers grew by \$328 as a result.

THREE REASONS TO SUPPORT THE NOER CENTER:

1. Turfgrass research is critical to a healthy future for golf.
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