

1990 Field Day Sees Record Crowd

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The relatively normal growing season in Wisconsin seems to have inspired an increase in the number of attendees at this year's Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Summer Field Day. Over 450 people were at the event.

Event chairmen Tom Harrison and Tom Schwab were especially pleased with the number of new exhibitors for the year's field day. Needless to say, they broadened the appeal of the equipment show.

One of the great attributes of this field day is the opportunity to actually operate much of the equipment on display. That opportunity has been available for the entire history of the field day — Arlington Experiment Station, Oconomowoc Country Club, Camelot Country Club and Yahara Hills Golf Course.

Particularly evident were the new fiveplex mowers and a wide range of aerifying equipment. Both areas are getting a lot of attention on Wisconsin golf courses.

What would have been a great day anyway was made really special by two of our guests. Pat Richter, new athletic director at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, offered words of confidence about the sports program at the UW. Pat is on familiar ground during an event like ours. He earned his B.S. degree from the UW in Landscape Architecture.

After a career in the NFL (with the Washington Redskins), Richter returned to Madison, went to work as an executive with Oscar Mayer (his UW law degree in hand) and joined Maple Bluff Country Club. That led to a turn as the club's green committee chairman, a position that familiarized him with a lot of what goes on in turfgrass management.

Dr. Leo Walsh, Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the UW, also accepted an invitation to attend. Long a supporter of the turfgrass industry in our state, Walsh stayed for lunch and conversation. Joining him were Horticulture Department chairman Herb Hopen and a faculty representative of Plant Pathology Department Chairman Doug Maxwell.

This marked the final year of the WTA's three year visit to the Yahara Hills golf course. The cooperation offered by the YHGC staff surely has been appreciated. Next year, the field day will move to its permanent home for all time, the NOER CENTER.

Exhibitors at the 1990 Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Field Day

The Andersons
BASF
Badger Plastic and Supply
Cashton Farm Supply
Century Rain Aide

Ciba-Geigy
Dow Elanco
Grace Sierra
Hanley
Horst Distribution
Jerry's Small Engines
Johnson & Associates
KEI
Kellogg Seed
Kohler Engines
Lakeside Lawn Service
Lebanon Turf Products
LESCO
Lingrens
Michaels Co. Inc.
Mid-State Power and Equipment
Milorganite
Nor Am
Northrup King
Olds Seed Co.
PBI Gordon
PJ Golf Cars
Pendelton Turf
Reinders
Reinders Irrigation
Rhone Poulenc
Scotts
Sprayer Supply
Spring Valley
Tiziani Golf Cars
Tractor Loader Sales
Turf Management Supply
Tyler Enterprises, Inc.
Vigoro
Waupaca Materials
Wilbur Ellis
Wisconsin Turf Equipment



CALS Dean Leo Walsh visits with Cherokee C.C.'s George Magnin.



The field day included some rather dramatic plot results.



Prof. Bob Newman and Athletic Director Pat Richter.



A panoramic view of the Horst/Wisconsin Turf display.