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## NOER CENTER Challenge Met!

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The fund raising program for the O.J. NOER CENTER for TURFGRASS RESEARCH went over the top on Tuesday, October 9 at the Westmoor Country Club.

Despite absolutely miserable weather, over one hundred golf players gathered for the outing that Jerry Kershasky has been planning for the past year. A few of the more hearty and hardy actually played eighteen holes; more common were those who retreated to the locker room when they reached either the ninth or eighteenth green.

Even though the preference would have been for a warm autumn day, an afternoon in the beautiful Westmoor clubhouse was easy to enjoy. The recently remodeled building is elegant beyond words. From the vaulted, massive ceiling of the locker room to the rich oak woodwork of the dining room, the warmth and ambience of this special day and time in the turfgrass industry was felt by all.

Golfers weren't the only ones present; dozens of others joined the group for dinner. Prominent among them were the faculty from the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, who for years dreamed with us about the reality of the NOER CENTER. Professors Worf, Kussow and Koval were beaming.

It was entirely fitting that the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association project reached its ambitious goal at Westmoor. The club is the only one to have had representation at all of the WTA's golf events. Their support and generosity, along with that of Stevens Point Country Club, have been exemplary.

Support for this golf outing comes from many quarters; two are especially noteworthy. The donors to the prize table are listed here; take a look at the list of those who added to the fun of the day. Again this year, everyone went home with something.

The other group is really special; they are the ones who contributed \$100 for a place on the donor board located near the first and tenth tees. Check out the names on this board — they collectively accounted for \$5,800.

The specifics of the funds brought forward are important. Here they are:

1. The Wisconsin Golf Course Association presented WTA President Roskopf a check for \$7,000, the final payment of their \$15,000 pledge;
2. The outing itself generated something over \$5,000;
3. Jim Billings came forward and presented Stevens Point C.C.'s gift of \$1,100 to the CENTER;

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The two hosts of the 1990 WTA Golf Outing — Jerry Kershasky and Red Roskopf.



Lee Merkel brought along the last installment of the WGCA pledge. Kussow, Koval and Roskopf are in the background.