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The 1990 Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium

A Silver Anniversary

By Al Nees

October 30th and 31st, 1990 will mark a rather historic date as the Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium convenes for the 25th consecutive year. Often called the "highlight of Wisconsin's golf year", this two-day educational session employs a true symposium format. Lectures are structured to study one aspect of golf turf management in depth. It is, and has been, the only true golf turf symposium in the country.

The Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium has not only been a local benefit; golf course superintendents from all over the United States and Canada have shared our experiences. The symposium is co-hosted by the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Milorganite Division of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission.

We thought it might be of interest, in this anniversary year, to look back over the past twenty-five years and chronicle some of the changes in how we prepare, manage and maintain golf turf.

The list of Symposium topics gives an indication of some of the problems we have faced in the past. It's interesting to note that several of the topics have been hashed and re-hashed. Of particular note would be *Poa annua* (1968, 1976 and 1983) and sand (1974, 1980 and 1981), it makes you wonder if we'll ever get it right!

Soil and plant interactions received much attention, particularly early in Symposium history (1967, 1970, 1973, 1974 and 1982). Environmental issues also have had prominence throughout the years (1972, 1988 and 1989) as well.

The roster of speakers who have participated in the Symposium over the years is impressive, to say the least. Just scan the list for a moment and consider the collective technical expertise and practical experience presented for our benefit. Academic and research staff at our country's colleges and universities, men like Beard and Daniel and Love and Waddington, helped write the "book".

The support of the United States Golf Association in Lardner, Hannigan, Bengeyfield, Boatwright, Holmes, Zontek,

Record, Griffin and our own Jim Latham has been invaluable.

Golf course architects like Geoffrey Cornish, Robert Trent Jones, Pete Dye, Dick Nugent and Ken Killian not only have affected Wisconsin golf directly, but worldwide.

Of course, the practical knowledge gained from other golf course superintendents like Sherwood Moore, Mel Lucas, Ted Woehrle and John Stampfl can help guide us when faced with similar circumstances on our golf courses.

There are two points I want to make in closing. First, the topic of the 1969 Symposium embodies what I believe to be the essence of what we in the golf turf business really do — satisfying the golfer. This is true whether grooming a private club golf course, dealing with problems on a public course or providing relaxing playing conditions on a resort golf course.

The key to satisfying the golfer has little to do with how fast the greens are, how long the rough is or how short the fairways are. Ultimately, the key lies in our ability to communicate. Only by effectively communicating with club officials, membership committees and course owners can we really understand what they want out of the golf course.

Secondly, I also believe the beauty of the Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium lies in the single topic format. Understand that there is no one universal recipe that each golf course can employ to produce top-notch results. None of the distinguished speakers can, from behind the podium, provide a "canned" program to guarantee a good golf course. However, by taking a complete look at one aspect of turfgrass management, they can make us think.

Most of the up-to-date information on a specific topic is presented to us from several viewpoints. This gives us a chance to evaluate the information relative to our individual operations. We can weigh the pros and the cons before implementing the programs.

The topic chosen for the 25th anniversary Symposium is "Bentgrass — New, Old, Right or Wrong." We hope to

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explore stress on bentgrass greens, tees and fairways. Exploring current maintenance techniques used in different situations by superintendents may help turn some wheels.

The speakers include:

Kevin Dushane — Bloomfield Hills C.C.
Bill Whitley — Chicago Golf Club
Gary Grigg — Shadow Glen C.C.
Dr. Joe Duich — Penn State University
Tom Mascaro
Joel Jackson — Isleworth Golf and Country Club
Bob Vavrek — USGA agronomist
Jim Latham — USGA regional director

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We hope to see you there, at the Pfister, in October.

Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium Anniversary Speaker Roster 1966-1990

This listing of the speakers featured on the programs of the Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium over the past twenty-five years reads like a "Who's Who" of the turfgrass industry in America. These people have, in fact, made the symposium the singular, well respected educational event it has been for twenty-five years.

Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium Speakers from 1966-1990

Agnew, Dr. Michael — 1987	Jackson, Joel — 1990	Ranney, Frank — 1966
Allis, John W. — 1975	Jackson, Dr. Noel — 1984	Raynor, Gordon V. — 1972
Anderson, Arthur E. — 1968	Johns, James L. — 1975	Record, Lee — 1970, 1971, 1973
Auxer, Guy — 1989	Jones, Robert Trent — 1975	Rewinski, Thomas W. — 1978
Beard, Dr. James B. — 1966, 1973, 1979, 1981, 1986	Kaerwer, Howard — 1982	Rieke, Dr. Paul — 1970
Bengeyfield, William H. — 1967	Kane, Dr. Randy — 1986	Riley, Edward J. — 1968
Boatwright, P.J. — 1977	Karnok, Dr. Keith — 1982	Rulewich, Roger — 1987
Boegel, Bruce — 1985	Keen, Dr. Ray A. — 1972	Sargent, Harold — 1978
Brooks, James R. — 1982	Kerr, Cecil — 1968	Sartoretto, Dr. Paul A. — 1968
Buchanan, Billy — 1985	Kienert, Mark — 1988	Scheer, Dennis — 1987
Burdick, William — 1976	Killian, Kenneth — 1969	Schwartzkopf, Carl — 1973, 1975, 1978, 1979
Burgan, Hobart T. — 1977	Kirkpatrick, Dr. Donald — 1971	Sell, William T. — 1966
Burns, Robert J. — 1972	Koutsky, Dr. Karl D. — 1977	Shearman, Dr. Robert — 1986, 1989
Butler, Dr. Jack — 1986	Kozelnicky, Dr. George M. — 1977	Shiley, Charles — 1966
Christians, Dr. Nick — 1988	Kussow, Dr. Wayne R. — 1986	Shurtleff, Dr. M.C. — 1973
Clemans, Donald — 1986	Lardner, Lynford — 1967	Simmons, Cal — 1987
Cline, Dr. Van — 1988	Latham, James M. — 1966, 1967, 1974, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990	Skogley, Dr. C.R. — 1978
Cornish, Dr. Geoffrey — 1984	Lied, Delmar — 1987	Small, William A. — 1968
Daniel, Dr. William H. — 1966, 1968, 1980	Lobenstein, Dr. William — 1970	Smart, William S. — 1974
Dobie, D. Frank — 1979	Love, Dr. James R. — 1966, 1967, 1970	Stampfl, John — 1966
Duble, Dr. Richard L. — 1973	Lucas, Melvin B. Jr. — 1974, 1979	Stewart, Fred — 1975
DuBose, L.W. — 1973	Luigs, Joe — 1987	Street, Dr. John — 1985
Dudley, James — 1969	Lyons, William — 1978	Tizieri, Dennis — 1987
Duich, Dr. Joe — 1990	Madison, Dr. John H. — 1974	Troll, Dr. Joseph — 1981, 1989
Dushane, Kevin — 1985, 1990	Maples, Palmer — 1979	Turgeon, Dr. A.J. — 1973, 1978
Dye, Peter — 1966	Marshall, Donald — 1969	Unis, Carl — 1978
Ehlert, Robert — 1971	Martin, Herschel L. — 1975	Uzelac, Dan — 1977
Eller, Harold — 1977	Mascaro, Tom — 1973, 1990	Valentine, Richard E. — 1975
Elmer, Henry J. — 1968	Massie, Dr. Leonard R. — 1974	Vargas, Dr. Joe — 1981, 1985
Engel, Dr. Ralph E. — 1968, 1976	McGee, Bobby D. — 1978, 1981	Vavrek, Robert — 1990
Ferguson, Dr. Marvin H. — 1966, 1967	Metsker, Stanley — 1969	Verhaalen, Lester — 1966
Foehl, Stephen M. — 1980	Miles, Oscar — 1986	Villani, Dr. Mike — 1989
Frank, Donald F. — 1968	Miller, Louis E. — 1977, 1980	Voight, John — 1966, 1972
Fredericksen, Stan — 1979	Miller, Monroe S. — 1983	Waddington, Dr. Donald V. — 1967
Freeborg, Dr. Ray — 1984	Miller, Dr. Robert W. — 1972	Walsh, Dr. Leo M. — 1984
Fuchs, Walter — 1976	Milne, William W. — 1975	Warner, Daniel — 1980
Gipson, Carlton — 1971	Moncrief, James — 1969	Watson, Gordon — 1971
Glissman, Harold — 1969	Moore, Robert A. — 1974, 1982	Watson, Dr. James R. — 1967, 1981, 1983
Goss, John — 1971	Moore, Sherwood A. — 1968	White, Dr. Donald V. — 1970, 1976, 1980, 1983
Grasso, Anthony L. — 1972, 1976	Moote, David — 1971, 1974	Whitley, William — 1990
Greuten, Ray T. — 1972	Murphy, Garold — 1970, 1978	Wiley, Milton T. — 1976
Griffin, Holman — 1967, 1989	Musback, Frank — 1966	Williams, Robert — 1971, 1976, 1977
Grigg, Gary — 1990	Nees, Al — 1989	Williams, Bruce — 1987
Hall, Dr. John R. — 1980	Newman, Dr. Robert C. — 1970, 1972, 1976	Wilson, Charles G. — 1966, 1967, 1973, 1979
Hannigan, Frank — 1984	North, Andy — 1985	Wise, Dr. Louis N. — 1981
Hanson, Ray — 1971	Nugent, Richard — 1982	Witteveen, Gordon C. — 1983
Harkin, Dr. John — 1984	Nutter, Dr. Gene — 1969	Woehrlie, Theodore W. — 1973, 1978
Harrison, Tom — 1987	Perkins, Dr. Thomas — 1983	Worf, Dr. Gayle L. — 1983
Hodges, Dr. Clinton F. — 1982, 1985, 1989	Peterson, Douglas — 1977	Younts, Dr. S. Eugene — 1979
Holmes, James L. — 1966, 1967, 1968, 1975, 1980	Petrovic, Dr. Martin — 1983, 1988	Yuzzi, Joseph — 1971, 1984
Holyoke, Dr. Vaughn — 1976	Poincelot, Dr. Raymond P. — 1970	Zontek, Stanley J. — 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984
Horn, Dr. Granville — 1970	Quandt, C.L. "Bud" — 1988	
Hornung, Bob — 1966	Radko, Alexander M. — 1973, 1979, 1981	
Horton, Edward C. — 1983, 1988	Randall, Dr. Roscoe — 1984	
	Randquist, Robert — 1985	

(Roster compiled by Al Nees and Monroe S. Miller)

Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposia 1966 - 1990

First*	1966 Winter Injury (Bulletin No. 5)	Seventeenth	1982 Getting to the Roots of the Matter
Second	1967 The Physical Nature of Soils	Eighteenth*	1983 The Facts and Fallacies of <i>Poa annua</i> Management
Third	1968 <i>Poa annua</i>	Nineteenth	1984 Directions in Golf Course Management
Fourth	1969 Satisfying the Golfer	Twentieth	1985 Grooming — The State of the Art — New Problems for New Times
Fifth	1970 The Chemical Nature of Soil	Twenty-first	1986 The Micronutrients — Who Needs Them?
Sixth	1971 Where are We Going in Golf Course Management?	Twenty-second	1987 Impressions — A Memorable Golf Course (First to Lasting)
Seventh	1972 Recycling Golf Course Wastes	Twenty-third	1988 Water Management — A Cultural Practice for all Conditions
Eighth*	1973 Thatch	Twenty-fourth	1989 Optimizing Pest Management — Strategies to Maximize Results
Ninth	1974 Water Movement in Soils	Twenty-fifth	1990 Beritgrass — New, Old, Right or Wrong
Tenth	1975 A New Deal for an Old Course		
Eleventh	1976 Living with <i>Poa annua</i> Species		
Twelfth	1977 Keeping Your Head on Straight		
Thirteenth	1978 Fast Grass		
Fourteenth	1979 Research		
Fifteenth*	1980 Sand-On and In Golf Greens		
Sixteenth*	1981 Management Requirements for Sand Greens and Sand Top-Dressed Greens		

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