

WTA Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Summer Field Day at NOER Facility

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The tenth anniversary of the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Summer Field Day found its permanent home in 1992 when it held court at the new O.J. NOER Turfgrass Research and Education Facility on August 18th.

The 350 in attendance toured the equipment displays and gave the new building a thorough inspection.

A formal 1½ hour research tour occupied a large block of time in the morning. Dr. Frank Rossi explained the USGA bentgrass trial and Tom Salaiz detailed the USGA buffalograss experiment (be sure to read Tom's article on buffalograss in this issue of *THE GRASS ROOTS*.)

Bill Bland and Nyle Wollenhaupt, both professors in the Department of Soil Science, have work at the NOER facility. Bland's work involves weather stations and measurement of growing conditions. Wollenhaupt is working with mulching and other forms of erosion control.

Fertility plots, cultural practice demonstrations, compaction effects on nutrient and pesticide losses from turf, and many other projects were detailed during the research tour.

Chuck Koval and Karen Delahaut had an "entomology consultation corner" set up in the shop area. It was a terrific idea that will hopefully be included in future field days.

Tom Harrison and Tom Schwab did another superb job as chairmen of the field day. As usual, Mike Semler and Monroe Miller handled registration and Gary Richards organized parking.

This year's field day again featured the good food offered by Gaylord Catering—they are a fixture at field day, too.

Thanks to Marsh Finner, Tom Salaiz and the UW Ag Research Stations' staff. They did a great job for their first turfgrass field day!

No field day would be complete without the support of the equipment and supplies exhibitors. They are noted here with appreciation.



Ed Witkowski was all smiles at the 1992 Field Day.

1992 WTA Field Day Exhibitors

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The Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Field Day is a very colorful and busy affair.



Dave Strang, a longtime *GRASS ROOTS* advertiser from Galesburg, IL, was present at the field day.