



# Fundraising For Turfgrass Research At The Bog

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The Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Golf Fundraiser is back on track after a short hiatus in 1999. The fundraiser was held at The Bog in Saukville on June 8th, 2000. Sixty-two individuals participated in the golf event and another thirty-six sponsors gave \$100 donations towards the success of the outing. Approximately \$4,600 was raised, after expenses, to better the turf industry of Wisconsin in many important ways. Some possible uses of these funds may go to support the Wisconsin Turf Industry Survey, back the Turf Diagnostic Lab, grow the WTA endowment fund, help educate future turf students, or to solve important turf questions for our industry. WTA past president Bob Erdahl and administrative secretary Audra Anderson did a superb job organizing this event.

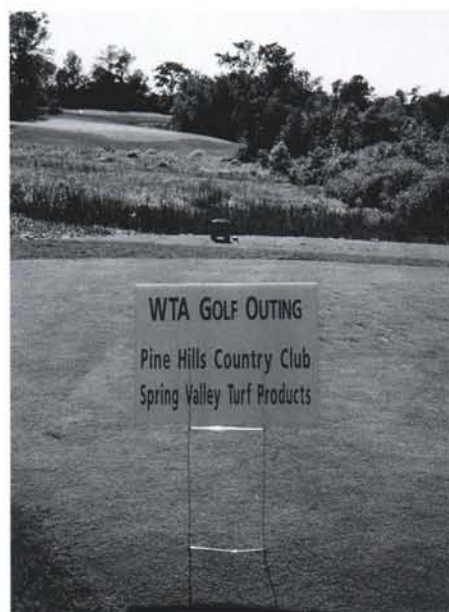
In addition to being a noble event, it was a blast. The venue was spectacular, weather was perfect, and high spirits a plenty. A break like this was especially needed after the flooding and record rains that many of us

endured the previous month. General manager Pat Shaw and superintendent Tony Gonzales had the course in spectacular shape with little evidence of the record May rains, other than participants were required to keep carts on the paths. The day was slightly cool, in the 60's, but the sun was shining all the way through. And the wind was blowing just enough to wave the cattails and add an additional challenge to the course.

The Bog can be described as challenging, breathtaking, unique, diverse with natural features, and impeccably designed and maintained. Each hole is separated from the other with wetlands, flora, and hills so that we rarely even saw the other 15 foursomes in the event. The WTA fundraiser has been held at many wonderful golf courses, and The Bog is yet another that will be remembered for many years to come.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch before golf and plenty of hors d'oeuvres after. In addition everyone enjoyed a long warm-up on the range that helped

participants take home some of the many flag and event prizes. The day's event was a one-person best ball tournament that was paid to two randomly drawn places. The winners were not random though — as the quorum of Otto, Wörzella, Nees, and Ziegler still



Gorgeous views like this were seen on every hole. The sponsor signs only added to the beauty.



From left to right - Mr. Cool, Mr. Mertens and Dr. Stier



Mr. Otto exhibiting his winning technique.

took the prize money. The other winners were a group of sluggers that Mike Lee sent over from the Kohler golf courses.

The day could not have been more enjoyable. The only aspect that could have been improved is the number of attendees. If anyone has suggestions to increase attendance or make the outing better, or if you would like to volunteer a golf course for next year, please call the Noer Facility at 608-845-6536. Wisconsin's turf industry remains healthy and growing because of your dedication and support. ♣



**Better late than never: WTA director Jerry Kershasky arrives with four holes left to play. Says he had to work late?**

The WTA would like to thank everyone that contributed to this year's event, especially the \$100 hole sponsors that may or may not have also participated in the golf event. The hole sponsors are listed below in alphabetical order.

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| Ozaukee Country Club       | Zeneca                      |



**"I know there's a fairway here somewhere."**



**Most important person on the course - the beer cart lady!**



**WSGA President Chris Pinkerton, Ed Witkowski, Tom Welton, and Fundraiser host Pat Shaw.**