



# The Call For Help!

By **Kris Pinkerton**, Golf Course Superintendent, Oshkosh Country Club

I agree with Jerry Kershasky: "Procrastination stinks!" We as professional turf managers who depend on turfgrass for our livelihood, stink at raising funds to improve it. Now this may seem a bit harsh and I don't mean to offend anyone. But, the truth of the matter remains, we really have not done our very best at raising adequate funds for turfgrass research.

Jerry Kershasky, Wisconsin Turfgrass Association director and superintendent of Westmoor Country Club, has put forth a challenge to you to make a difference! Golf courses around the state should have received a mailing last month. This mailing outlines two very important methods for getting golfers, the end users, to donate toward turfgrass research. If we could convince our players to donate \$5.00 each, we would have \$250,000 per year for turfgrass research.

Setting a good example are superintendents like Dan Williams, Jeff Bottensek, Mark Kienert and Jerry Kershasky who, year after year, have raised thousands of dollars for research. This shows their outstanding commitment to our turfgrass profession. I have been



inspired by these gentlemen to follow suit and hope you will too!

This past February, your Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association Board of Directors approved a \$5.00 check off donation to be added to each monthly meeting notice. All donations will go to support the Turfgrass Diagnostics Lab. When signing up for our monthly meetings, you and/or others from your clubs will now have an opportunity to voluntarily contribute to the support of the TDL and related research.

We have a "State Of The Art" research facility and highly skilled faculty and staff. The call for help to provide sufficient funds to develop timely solutions for our most serious

challenges has never been more important than now.

Congratulations go out to our 25-year members Jim Hall, Mark Kienert, Jim Shaw, Jerry Kershasky and Bill Roberts. It is with great pride that we honor these fine superintendents for their long time commitment to our association and profession. Great job! 🌿



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