



# What the WTA Has In Store for You This Summer

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The Wisconsin Turfgrass Association is bringing you two superb events that you will not want to miss this season. One is focused on education while the other is just for fun. They are, of course, the Summer Field Day and the *Fundraiser for the Fellowship Golf Outing*. Summer Field Day is slated for Tuesday, July 26, and will be held at its traditional venue of the O.J. Noer Facility in Verona. The *Fundraiser for the Fellowship* is Tuesday, October 11, at the Irish Course at Whistling Straits.

**Summer Field Day** is the premier turf research day for Wisconsin's turf professionals. This event gives the University Turf Program an opportunity to show off the research they're doing for Wisconsin's turf industry. It a venue for you to meet all the UW-Madison turf researchers under one roof to discuss everything related to growing grass.

Some of the talks featured on this year's research tour are listed here:

- Strategies for Moss Control on Putting Greens
- Phosphorus Runoff in the Urban Landscape
- Easy Germination Blankets
- Tolerance of Different Kentucky Bluegrass Cultivars to Newly Labeled Annual Bluegrass Herbicide
- Which Snowmold Fungicides Delay Onset of Dollar Spot
- Turf Variety Trials
- Fungicide Trials
- Broadleaf Weed Control
- Winterkill
- Bentgrass Aggressiveness to *Poa Annua*
- Management of Velvet Bentgrass Putting Greens
- New White Grub Control Chemistries and Their Impact on the Turfgrass Industry

Additionally, the researchers will answer other questions that aren't covered on the tour. Bring in turf samples and lists of questions. They will do their best to give you practical solutions to make your job easier and better.

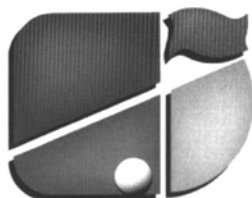
But that's not all. Another reason to come to Field Day is for the trade show. Every product, service, and piece of equipment that you could possibly need is on display. There were 34 exhibitors at last year's show and we expect as many or more this year. These knowledgeable sales people and factory representatives have answers for all your commercial needs, and many let you test drive equipment to compare features between different makes and models.

New at Field Day this year is an optional tour of Camp Randall, in the afternoon, to learn about the new "Field Turf" that your Badgers will be playing on. This Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association sponsored tour leaves the Noer Facility at 1:30 and is open to all Summer Field Day attendees. We would like an approximate head count though, so please check yes on your registration form if you are planning to attend.

You always get your money's worth at Field Day. In addition to the research tour, trade show, and Camp Randall visit, there is great food, plenty of time to meet with your peers, and so much more to explore. You can check out the new developments occurring at the Noer Facility this summer. We are renovating an adjacent 11 acre field in preparation for hosting the 2007 Turf Producers International Summer Field Day. We hope you attend field day and bring your friends. Call Audra, at 608-845-6536, if you have any questions about this educational day.

The other important event on the WTA agenda is the **Fundraiser for the Fellowship Golf Outing**. We return to the Irish Course at Whistling Straits where we held the fundraiser five years ago. The course was breathtaking then and will, with maturity, be more so the second time around. Many of you visited The Straits Course during the PGA Championship last year. The Irish Course has much the same feel as that famous layout. Course architect, Pete Dye, is known for creating 18 completely memorable and utterly unique golf holes with the Irish Course. You've got to see it to believe it.

And you can do just that during the Fundraiser on October 11th. In addition to an incredible round of



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golf, your \$165 registration includes lunch and door prizes. Everyone leaves with something other than memories of playing one of the world's top courses. Some of the door prizes are worth more than the cost of registration.

One more benefit of attending the Fundraiser is to support the Graduate Fellowship in Turfgrass Research program at the UW-Madison. This Fellowship is a University research program that pays for a graduate student to study a specific turfgrass related project. Once a Fellowship is fully funded, it goes on forever. It will fund new and important turfgrass projects for generations. When one project is completed, a new investigation will start.

A registration form for the golf outing was included in your last WTA newsletter. Once again, call Audra if you didn't receive one or if you have other questions about the Golf Outing. This event promises to be an outstanding way to wind down your golf season for 2005.



A few of the beautiful scenes you'll experience at the Fundraiser for the Fellowship Golf Outing.



The place you want to be on July 26th is the WTA Summer Field Day.



Attendees appreciate the personal attention they receive in getting questions answered during the research tour.



All your commercial questions get answered during the trade show segment.