



Wisconsin Turf Holds Fundraiser and Field Day to Support Noer Facility

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Wisconsin Turf and the Jacklin Seed Company selected a beautiful 75-degree day in September to host 60 golf course superintendents and golf course owners from around Wisconsin for a day of education, demonstrations and golf. The event was held at University Ridge Golf Course in Verona.

Dr. Doug Brede, the director of research for Jacklin Seed, led a tour of the bentgrass, bluegrass and ryegrass plots at the Noer Facility. Highlighted were the Alpha and T-1 varieties of bentgrass, varieties that have shown fast and consistent germination, good color, dollar spot resistance and a competitive habit with *Poa annua*.

David Legg, now a regional general manager for Jacobsen, presented an overview of the latest Jacobsen equipment on display. The electric greensmower drew a lot of interest, and the Mag-Knife mag-



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Equipment conversation and...

netic bedknife system triggered a lot of questions.

Following the research and equipment tour, lunch and golf at University Ridge took over. The golf event was a two-person scramble.

Winners:

- 1st place (64) Mike Krupke and Doral Reining from Wolf Hollow
- 6th place (69) Joel Peterson and Bryan Bergner from New Berlin Hills
- 12th place (75) Chuck and Rob Lucas from Turtle Greens

Course Event Winners:

- Long drive (#6) Margie Kirsch from Birchwood
- Long putt (#11) Tony Hudzinski from Stoughton Country Club
- Long putt (#15) Tim O'Connor from Blackhawk Run
- Close to pin (#17) Mike Werth from Monroe Country Club

Unfortunately, the hole-in-one prizes went unclaimed on #17. The lack of an ace left a Yamaha motorcycle and a Jacobsen 3500 hauler for another event.

The day was a great success, and 100% of the entry fees were donated to the O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility. The check for \$1,400 will be presented at the WTA Winter Turf Expo in January.

Thanks to Tom Schwab, Jeff Parks and Dave Helke for their work in making this event such an enjoyable and successful one. 🌿



turfgrass conversation were highlights of the day.



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