



EXPO to Be Show of Shows in 2006

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JANUARY 10th & 11th

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This year's Wisconsin Turfgrass and Greenscape EXPO is nothing short of spectacular. The list of speakers will delve into a variety of important subjects that are affecting every turf manager, if not right now then in the near future. The conference will be held at the Madison Marriott - West on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 10th and 11th.

Learn the very real threat of how activists are pushing to ban Kentucky bluegrass, creeping bentgrass, and other turfgrasses by claiming they are invasive species. Find out how the revitalized NR-151 technical standards will affect everyone who manages turfgrass areas greater than 5 acres. Join in the roundtable discussion with four prominent Wisconsin golf course superintendents as they reveal their putting green management strategies during the brutal 2005 golf season.

Sports turf issues will be explored by several of the state's top field managers from the UW-Madison, UW-Stevens Point, Lambeau Field, and Miller Park. The variety of turf management subjects will cross all turf professions including lawn care, landscaping, sod production, golf, and sports turf. Researchers from Rhode Island, Minnesota, and Wisconsin along with other local and national experts will relate their latest findings in the area of turfgrass.

Other related subjects will likewise be revealed. For instance, learn how immigration laws affect our employee pools, hear solutions to several pest problems that affect trees and other ornamentals in our landscapes, learn to use creative volunteer and internship pro-

grams to stretch that shoestring budget, and discover simple solutions to irrigation problems.

Additionally there is the ever popular trade show segment of EXPO. You can do all your comparing of features, prices, and options on every product, service, and piece of equipment used in the turf industry, all under one roof. The trade show will only occur during the first day of EXPO, so if you want to see products than you must attend on Tuesday. There will be an added bonus to the trade show through a vendor sponsored raffle of a \$1,000 travel voucher and other prizes. The only catch is you must be present to win.

Another feature of the trade show will be an optional workshop for equipment mechanics. This workshop will focus completely on reel mower maintenance including sharpening, adjusting, rebuilding, and problem diagnosis. This workshop has an additional registration fee but may be just what is needed for your crew. Speaking of your crew, be sure to bring them along. Additional members from the

same organization register for a reduced cost.

The EXPO brochure and registration form was mailed on December 1st. A registration form is included here if you would prefer to use this one. If you didn't receive one and would prefer the full brochure, then contact Audra at the WTA Office (ajander2@wisc.edu or 608-845-6536) and she will get one to you. It is an excellent program that we hope you don't miss this January. ♣



Why should you join the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association?

Your \$125 annual membership dues goes to support turf research and education, which in turn, helps all turf managers keep on top of the best ways to perform their job more efficiently.

Some examples of research that the WTA has supported include: Construction of the O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility, establishment of the Wayne R. Kussow and Robert Newman Distinguished Fellowships, fungicide efficacy studies, nutrient runoff research, shade tolerance trials and herbicide management strategies. There is much more research that the WTA funds each year, so become a member today and know that you are supporting this great organization.