


## A Thousand Words

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You've all heard the saying, "A picture tells a thousand words". Those pictures are how I'm going to describe this year's Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Summer Field Day. The event was so educational and fun with great camaraderie and perfect weather that I wish you all could have been there to experience it. The crowds were down with only 186 attendees, but the trade show was well staffed with 27 companies and an additional 65 knowledgeable sales staff there

to answer all your commercial questions.

Many highlights took place during the day. One was the presentation by the Wisconsin Green Industry Federation (WGIF) of their 2013 Hall of Fame Award to the late Dr. Charles Koval. Dr. Koval's wife Patricia and son Mike were present to accept the award. Then there was a surprise visit by Dr. Jim Love, who started the Turf and Grounds Management Program at the UW-Madison in 1961 at the suggestion of world renowned golf turf agronomist and UW-Madison alumni O.J. Noer.

His many former students were so happy to visit with him. Another highlight was to witness a grass court tennis demonstration by U.S. Tennis Hall of Famer, and U.S. senior Player of the Millennium John Powless. A number of attendees took the opportunity to hit some balls with John on the grass. The whole day could not have been any more perfect with temperatures in the low 70s, slight breeze and overcast skies. 

### Summer Field Day Exhibitors

**AAT – Direct Solutions**

**Aquatrols**

**Arthur Clesen**

**Barnes Power Equipment**

**BASF**

**Bayer**

**Burris Equipment**

**Contree Sprayer & Equipment**

**Deer Creek Seed**

**DHD Turf & Tree Products**

**Dow AgroSciences**

**Frontier-Servco FS**

**Green Jacket**

**Harris Golf and Utility Cars**

**Heritage Seed Company**

**Horst Distributing**

**J W Turf**

**John Deere Landscapes**

**Midwest Turf Products**

**Pendelton Turf Supply**

**ProGro Solutions**

**Purple Cow Organics**

**Reinders**

**Spring Valley**

**Syngenta**

**The Andersons**

**Waupaca Sand & Solutions**



Three generations of advising Turf and Grounds Management students in the Department of Soil Science were all present including Drs. Doug Soldat, Wayne Kussow, and Jim Love.