

# WGCSA DINNER DANCE IS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

By Rod Johnson

## WEEKEND INGREDIENTS

A great location, Devils Head Lodge

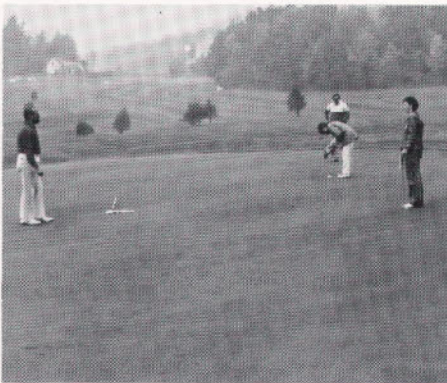
Some organized activities

Free time to enjoy in one's own way

Add: 32 couples fresh off a long golf season and full of the spirit of enjoyment and ready for a great weekend retreat.

And a truly great weekend it was, just ask anyone who was there! Our soon to be famous WGCSA weekend is now famous.

It is truly gratifying to plan such an event and, in return, see the response in such a large turnout. What a pleasure it was to see the smiling faces of the supportive women behind the group of men that I am so pleased to call my peers.



Debby Mulvihill squares up a birdie putt with help from Gary. John "Trousers" Krutilla and wife Joyce cheer them on.



Kathy Belefield and Bruce Worzella imitate chi-chi for husband Bob and wife Mary.



Wayne explodes, Jo Ann attacks.

Couples in attendance were: Bob and Kathy Belefield, Roger and Suzanne Bell, Jeff Bottensek and Irene Turner, Marc and Laurie Davison, Ed and Jane Devinger, Don and Chris Ferger, Glen and Sue Gerth, Don and Delores Gurda, Rod and Janell Johnson, Mark and Karen Kienert, John and Joyce Krutilla, Curt and Mary Larson, Dale and Linda Marach, Harvey and Joan Miller, Gary and Debby Mulvihill, Bob and Shirley Musbach, Wayne Otto and Jo Ann Swenson, Eric and Teresa Peterson, Bill and Patricia Roberts, Dennis and Kathy Robinson, Red and Joanne Roskopf, Steve and Cheryl Schmitt, Ron and Thelka Schumacker, Tom Schwab and Diane Baucock, Bruce and Carol Schweiger, Al and Margaret Vrana, Woody and Betty Voight, Bob and Mary Welch, Skip and Nancy Willms, Bruce and Mary Worzella, Ray and Jan Woznik, Roy and Geri Zehren, and Host Superintendent: Glen Miller.



Janell Johnson sinks another putt as Rod Johnson, Wayne Otto, Cheryl Schmitt, Jo Ann Swenson, and Steve Schmitt look on.

The weather at Devils Head was similar to the weather elsewhere in the state that weekend, FOG. About the only disappointment of the weekend was one's inability to see the trees in full color on the bluffs which are part of this area.

Despite the dismal weather conditions, 17 couples participated in Saturday afternoon's Couples Golf Event. A good time was had by all

using an alternate shot format with special paradise rules and an even more unique utopia putting rule. Al and Margaret Vrana came out on top with an outstanding score of 44, copping first place in the event and taking home the Mr. & Mrs. Moe dolls. One can easily tell that the Vranas have gotten a few rounds in since Al's retirement. The Devils Head course was in excellent condition under the guidance of Glen Miller. From everyone who took the opportunity to play golf during the weekend, thanks for your efforts, Glen.

Throughout the day Saturday and into the wee hours of Sunday morning, Rooms 137 and 139 were an attraction for all. Some of our generous purveyors hosted a hospitality area in these two rooms. A big thanks to the following for supplying the spirits and the snacks: Hanley Implement, Horst Distributing, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, Natural Athletic Turf, Reinders and Wisconsin Turf.



Al and Margaret Vrana, golf winners, show off their wares, Mr. & Mrs. Moe.

Saturday evening we all gathered in a more refined atmosphere for a super meal of Prime Rib and all the trimmings. The entree' was well prepared and after some anxious moments while John Krutilla milked a cow and made ice cream, dessert was enjoyed by all.



Steve Schmitt trying to get the barmald's attention.





**R. Bell leads an after dinner sing along.**



**Wayne and Jo Ann cut loose!**



**Elvira!**



**Red and Bob join the band for their versior of "The Auctioneer."**



**Bill (Art Murry) Roberts and wife Patricia show their skills as Shirley Musbach checks on the drummer.**



**Hands down winners of the ugliest couple award.**

After dinner, the part of the weekend which all of our members were looking forward to with great anticipation took place — Dancing in the Devils Den to the Tempo Trio. The moves on the hardwood dance floor surpassed the moves Marques Johnson puts on his kind of hardwood floor.



**R. Bell crushes a beer can to the disbelief of Mark and Karen Kienert and wife Suzanne.**



**The Tempo Trio Go Ziggy Go!**

Once again, I thank everyone in attendance and who knows maybe now this famous event will become an annual event.

A few thoughts to treasure from the weekend, unforgettable but hereby recorded for the future:

The great food at the School House Restaurant  
Ray Woznik playing bartender

The Mr. and Mrs. Moe Dolls  
Steve Schmitt's booming drives setting up his wife Cheryl for easy 2nd shots

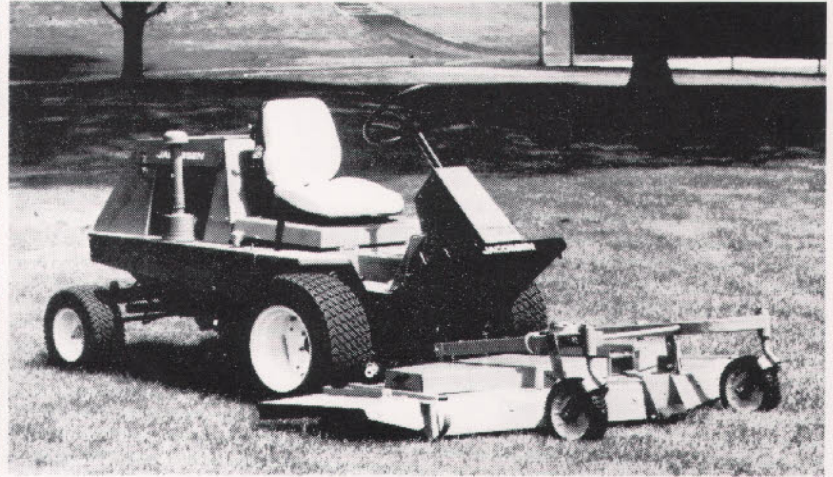
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Video replays of the golf  
M. K. going all weekend without any TANG  
Ziggy the Dynamic Drummer  
Tanqueray Hangovers



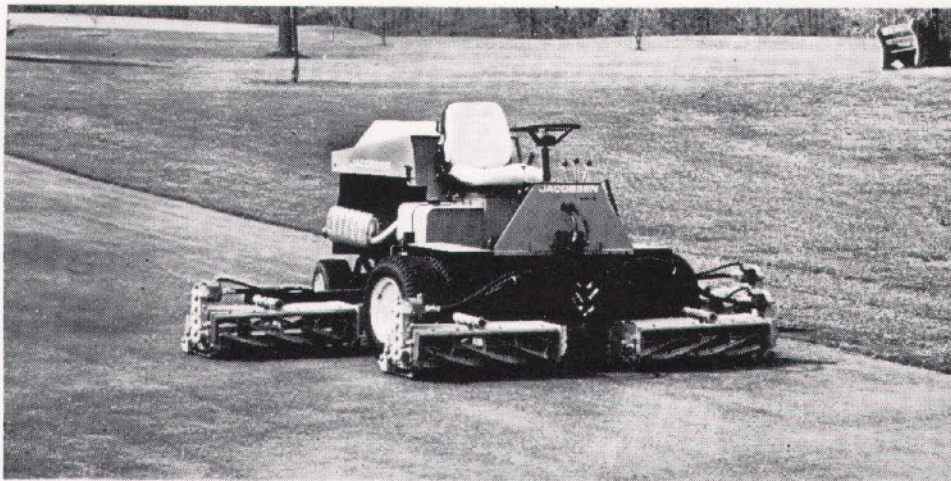
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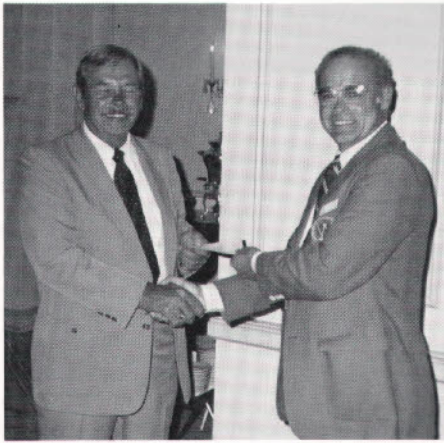
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## WISCONSIN'S GOLFERS DONATE TO TURFGRASS RESEARCH

Gene Haas, Executive Director of the Wisconsin State Golf Association, presented checks for turfgrass research from Wisconsin golfers to the O. J. NOER RESEARCH FOUNDATION and to the WISCONSIN TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION. The presentations were made at the WGCSA's September meeting at Milwaukee Country Club.

The gifts to turfgrass research were particularly significant because they represent the recognition that end users — in this case, the golfer — of such research have an important role to play if we are to keep our industry healthy, current and progressive. The idea of garnering the support of the ultimate benefactors led to the launching of the USGA Foundation's plan of asking for \$2.00 for each golfing membership from golf clubs around the country. The idea prompted some of Wisconsin's golf clubs to donate either \$0.01 per round of golf in 1984 or \$1.00 per golfing member this year to the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association for turfgrass research at the University of Wisconsin — Madison. The potential for this kind of broadly based "user" support is almost limitless, and generous and concerned gestures like this one by Gene Haas and the WSGA go a long way in setting an important and long overdue precedent.

Thanks to Wisconsin's golfers!

## UW researchers studying risks of plant chemicals

A group of valuable agricultural chemicals through to affect only plants have now been shown to alter the immune response of animals.

University of Wisconsin-Madison researchers Ronald Hindsill and John Olson found that several plant growth regulators (PGRs) can suppress or alter animals' ability to make the appropriate immune response.

Hindsill cautions, however, that the results cannot be extrapolated directly to humans.

"We're not trying to scare anyone, but we're saying that these chemicals are not just active in plants and that more research is needed," Hindsill says. "We need to be aware that certain groups, such as field applicators and chemical plant workers, may be at higher risk and should be carefully monitored."

An animal or person with a suppressed immune response has a more difficult time fighting infection and disease. Hindsill and Olson found that four plant growth regulators — maleic hydrazide, cycloheximide, chlorocholine chloride, and glyphosine — changed the immune responses of mice.

PGRs are an increasingly important group of chemicals used to alter the growth and development of plants. Maleic hydrazide prevents sprouting in stored potatoes and onions, and glyphosine and cycloheximide both make oranges drop off the trees for easy harvesting.

Hindsill, chairman of the bacteriology department and former director of the UW-Center for Environmental toxicology, became interested in PGRs when, glancing through an agri-chemical journal, he noticed that the chemical structures of some PGRs had highly reactive groups — as does nitrogen mustard, a known immune response suppressor.

Hindsill and his group decided to study the four chemicals because they are all widely used and have those suspicious reactive groups.

The researchers mixed the chemicals with the mices' feed

and injected them into the mice. They found that the chemicals changed the weights of some immune system organs and affected the level of antibody production.

Hindsill says that the relationship between PGRs and human health is speculative. In the maleic hydrazide experiments, for example, a high-dose mouse received 300 times the dose a human would eat on a half pound of potatoes.

"But," he continues, "we don't know if the mouse is a very sensitive system. Systems we can't test, the human fetus for example, may be even more sensitive."

Hindsill says that chemical safety tests should include analysis of the product's effect on immune response. As for PGRs, he proposes first learning if the immune system is affected, next studying the mechanism of the effect and then testing people with known high-dose PGR exposure to see if they exhibit any of the effects.

"We can't go back to the dark ages," Hindsill says. "Today chemical manipulation of crops is essential. But we must be ware of the biological consequences of what work we work with so we can alleviate any damage."

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# O'DONNELL RETURNS TO WISCONSIN, SPEAKS AT OCTOBER WGCSA MEETING



Jerry O'Donnell gives a presentation on soils at WGCSA October meeting.



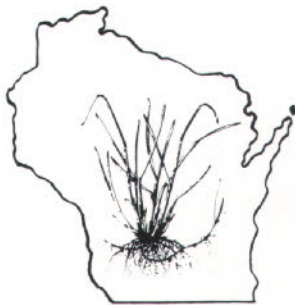
Jerry O'Donnell

Jerry O'Donnell, former Vice-President of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association, was the featured speaker at the October meeting of the WGCSA in Green Lake. Jerry was the Golf Course Superintendent at Nakoma Golf Club and at Blackhawk Country Club during the years he served as an officer of the WGCSA. He is currently the National Sales Manager for the Professional Turf Division of O. M. Scott & Sons in Marysville, Ohio.

O'Donnell, who holds a B.S. and an M.S. degree in Soil Science from the University of Wisconsin

— Madison, gave an interesting and timely presentation on the role and importance of basic principles of soil science in the management of golf courses.

As has happened in the past, Host Tom Spaulding provided excellent arrangements for the day. The golf course was in truly outstanding playing condition, and the dinner and meeting plans went off without a hitch. Green Lake is a very special and very beautiful part of Wisconsin and it couldn't ever be any nicer than it was on this autumn day.



## 3rd Annual WTA Golf Outing

*By Ed Devinger*

The 3rd Annual WTA Golf Outing was held September 24, 1984, at Mid Vallee Golf Course in DePere, Wisconsin. Pete Van de Hey was our host.

It was the most successful of the first three outings in both number of participants and money raised.

While the weather didn't appear to want to cooperate, by tee off time it started to clear. In spite of

having an inch of rain in the early morning, Pete allowed everyone to use carts — thank goodness!

After golf, everyone enjoyed some "libation" and, as usual, the "stories" about their round! We then moved down the road for dinner — family style chicken and ribs with all the trimmings. No one left hungry. Prizes were drawn after dinner. Thanks to Horst, Reinders, Kellogg, Cushman and Ryan for their donation of prizes.

WTA wants to thank the following for their participation and support of the WTA and this event.

Ron Schumacher, Jim Huggett, Tom Harrison, Randy Witt, Egon Herman, Dennis Robinson, Bruce Worzella, Roger Bell, Bill Sell, Pat Norton, Steve Schmidt, Howard Metcalf, Dan Quast, Mark Kienert, Bob Musbach, Bill Roberts, Rod Johnson, Ken Griepentrog, Woody Voigt, Ed Devinger, Pete Van de Hey, Terry Kurth, and Al Feldkamp.

A special thanks to Howard Metcalf who drove up all the way from Platteville.

Pete Van de Hey was the perfect host and we want to extend a big WTA THANKS to Pete and his staff.

We will be doing it again next year!



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### Belfields Welcome New Daughter

Jim and Bev Belfield have a new addition to their family. She is Megan Marie and she was born on September 22. Proud father Jim reports that mother and daughter are doing well.

### Wollner Represents Brayton

Brayton Chemicals, Inc. will be represented in Wisconsin and northern Illinois by Joe Wollner. He will be their specialty products salesman. Prior to these responsibilities, Wollner was a lawn care specialist for Barefoot Grass Lawn Service in Minneapolis. That position was preceded by work as a Golf Course Superintendent in Emmetsburg, Iowa and Mankato, Minnesota.

### Ransomes Awards Announced

Dick Lehman, Executive Vice-President of Ransomes, Inc., has announced that Hanley Implement of Sun Prairie has received the award as "Top U.S.A. Distributor" for Ransomes reel products. Lehman also reports that Ray Woznik, Turf Sales Manager for Hanley Implement, has been awarded the "Top Salesman" for the Ransomes Motor 180 in the U.S.A.

Congratulations to Hanley's and to Ray Woznik!

### Miller To Speak At GCSAA Conference

Monroe S. Miller, Golf Course Superintendent at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison, has accepted an invitation from Jim Prussa of the GCSAA Office and Headquarters to speak at the GCSAA Convention and Show in Washington, D.C. from February 5 through February 13. He will speak on the use of weather consultants in golf course management.

### Reinders Turf Conference Set For March 13 - 14, 1985

Ed Devinger, Turf Division Manager for Reinders Brothers, Inc., reports that the 7th Reinders Turf Conference will be held on March 13 and March 14, 1985 at the Waukesha Expo Center.

The conference, which also includes an excellent equipment show

and a service clinic, is the largest of its kind held in Wisconsin. It has been held every other year since 1973. Devinger anticipates attendance in the neighborhood of 1300 — 1500 people.

Past experience of Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents with the Reinders Turf Conference has been outstanding. This show should be on everyone's calendar for 1985. Direct your questions about the conference to Ed Devinger at 414-786-3301.

### Brayton Meeting Scheduled

December 6, 1984 has been chosen as the date for Brayton's "Greatest Show On Turf" meeting. Their guest speaker will be Dr. Robert Shearman from the University of Nebraska. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Southeast in Madison. Expect a mailing in the near future with more details. Contact Joe Wollner at 541 Schiller Street #28, Sun Prairie 53590; 608-837-9797.

### Worf, Roberts, Quast on the NCTE Program

Dr. Gayle Worf, Professor of Plant Pathology of the UW—Madison, is speaking at the North Central Turf Exposition in suburban Chicago. The dates of the meeting are December 11 through December 13. Gayle will address the subject of "Control and Management of Patch Diseases." Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association member Bill Roberts is speaking on the extensive annual flower plantings at SENTRY-WORLD in Stevens Point. WGCSA member Danny Quast is part of a panel that will discuss the costs of fairway triplex mowing and clipping removal.

For more information on the conference, write to:

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### Richards Named Turf Chemicals Product Manager

LESCO, Inc., manufacturer and distributor of turfgrass chemicals, equipment and supplies has named Gregory A. Richards as Product Manager, Turf Chemicals.

In his new position, Richards will be responsible for product formulation and development, chemical

registration and labeling, educational activities and sales. He holds a master's degree in turf pathology from the University of Maryland and a bachelor's degree in crop science from Delaware Valley College. He is currently vice-president of the Maryland Turfgrass Council and is a member of the American Society of Agronomy, the Weed Society of America and both the Virginia and the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Associations.

Richards joined LESCO in 1983 as a mid-Atlantic sales representative for lawn care companies. He had previously been a vice-president of technical resources for Hydrolawn in Maryland and an agronomist for Turf Center, Inc. of Maryland.

### Senst Joins Lebanon

Randy Rogers, Division Marketing Manager of Country Club Fertilizer for Lebanon Chemicals Corp. has announced the appointment of Greg Senst to their upper Midwest sales region. Senst, a 1978 graduate of the UW—Madison Turf Management program, is leaving Riveredge Country Club in Marshfield for this new position. The move is effective on November 19, 1984.



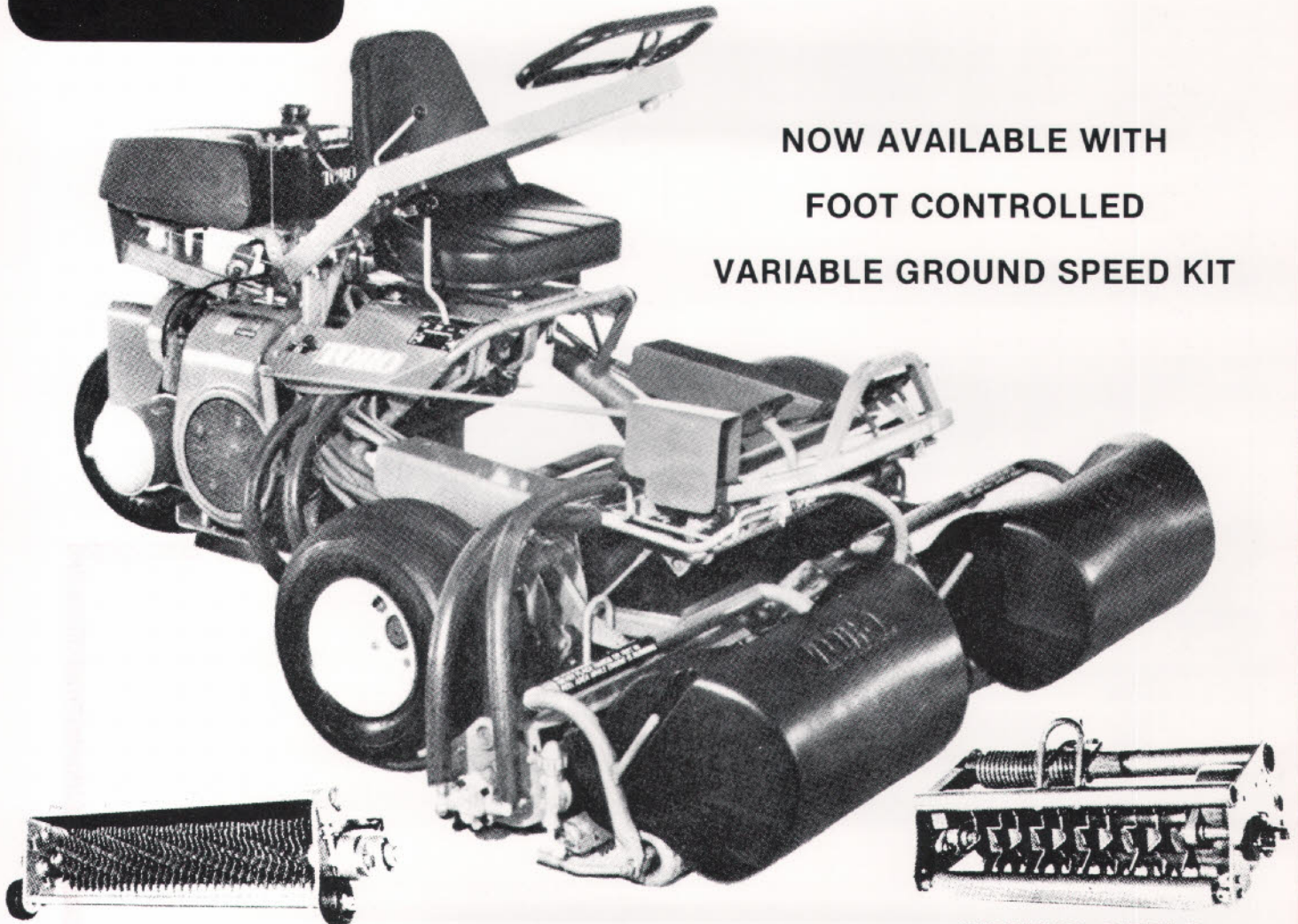


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## Looking Back

### WTA 1984 in Review

By Tom Harrison

The Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Board of Directors began 1984 with a great deal of enthusiasm and many great ideas for furthering turf research. All of the projects that were to be funded required a great deal of money to be raised. More money to be raised than we had ever raised before. Our goals were high but certainly within reach. It meant a lot of effort on every board member's part. In order to fund the projects we proposed, we would need at least \$18,000 in gross revenue for the year. In 1981, our first year, we raised approximately \$6,500; in 1982 \$9,700; and 1983 \$14,000. The board could see that gross income was rising but we were cautiously optimistic about raising the \$18,000. With a lot of hard work and a tremendous amount of support from the turf professionals in Wisconsin as of November 1, 1984 the WTA has raised over \$21,000.

In 1984 the WTA gave grants of \$5,800 to Dr. Gayle Worf; \$3,100 to Dr. Dan Mahr; and \$200 to Dr. Robert Newman. In addition a \$9,300 turf research vehicle was purchased which when coupled to gas and insurance for the year we have over \$10,000 invested in the vehicle. All in all a successful year we feel. The research funds were well spent, the research vehicle was a tremendous asset in getting a greater amount of work done in the field, and the vehicle is paid for.

Ed Devinger, chairman of the annual field day and leader of our infamous golf outing, is to be complemented for all his efforts on behalf of the WTA. Ed was the driving force on both events and it is due to his diligence and hard work that both events are as successful as they are.

The WTA board now will turn its attention to 1985. Currently our thoughts are leaning toward funding a graduate student or something along these lines to put more people out in the field or at least looking at an increased amount of field work. All of our efforts would be futile without the continued support of the WGCSA and the superintendents of Wisconsin.

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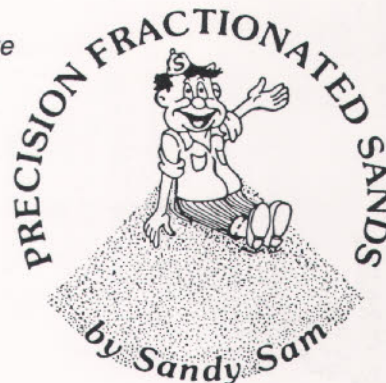
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