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HUNDREDS ATTEND FIELD DAY



Organizer Ed Devinger.



Organizer and Host Red Roskopf.

The third annual Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Field Day, held on August 27 at Camelot Country Club in Lomira, drew over 400 people, many of them WGCSA members. Host Red Roskopf had the event organized to the last detail, right down to a picture perfect and comfortable day.

Growth in the success of the field day was evident from more than just overall attendance. The record number of exhibitors — nearly 30 — was complemented by a wide variety of product and equipment available for turf professionals to inspect. Some pieces were shown for the first time and all of the equipment was set up for "hands on" demonstrations. It was a rare opportunity for both seller and buyer.

Staff members of the UW—Madison were present throughout the day to explain the season's research at Camelot. Turf variety trials, disease plots and fertility studies were all marked and labeled. Roskopf has invited the WTA Field Day back to Camelot for

the next two years and the research work will now have the opportunity for some longer term evaluations, an advantage for investigators and turf managers.

The principal goal of the field day is education. But close to that is the continuing need to raise research monies. The preliminary accounting indicates that the 1985 field day will net over \$5,000, a formidable sum of money for an event only in its third year.

Two important announcements were made during the noon hour. Ransomes, Inc., represented by Dave Legg, presented the WTA with a check for \$500. Horst Distributing announced that on behalf of all accounts taking delivery of Lebanon Country Club fertilizer between October 1 and December 31 they will donate 15¢ per bag to the WTA. The gift will be presented at the 1986 field day.

When asked for an assessment of the day, WTA President Tom Harrison replied, "It was a great day for all involved — exhibitors, attendees and organizers — and I'm delighted with the support we've received from across the state. I know that next year will be better because of the continuity provided by Red's generous invitation to return for 1986 and 1987. We are going to work very hard to make those field days even better."

After briefly enjoying the success of the day, officers and directors were already turning their attention to the upcoming golf outing in September and anticipating a great turnout for that event.



Tom Harrison accepts a \$500 donation from Dave Legg, Ransomes, Inc.



Jim Spindler and Dr. Wayne Kussow.

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