

transition slowly begins when high school graduation night finally arrives. Parents, teachers, and administrators are all beaming with pride...as accomplishments, compliments, and awards are showered on these youngsters. Classmates who until recently rarely spoke to each other are hugging, crying, photographing, and making future plans together that will dissolve once they separate, enter the zone, and then get carted off to college.

The summer transition zone between being a new high school graduate and the neophyte college student sees them all realize suddenly that a summer job is a really good thing. Maximum hours/maximum tips/maximum dollars are suddenly way more important than summer prep athletic conditioning...with hopefully enough sleep thrown in to enable a bright and early rising for work each day not hurting the cause either.

Parents try mightily to prepare their children for the real world. College is definitely not the real world...but it is a good training ground. The summer before college simply marks the beginning of their transition...but the transition zone requirement is that during this final summer we must continue to offer our new graduates our myriad of parental services...cooking, cleaning, shelter, advice, financial support, laundry, etc.,...which are part of our everyday parental real world...right up to the end of the transitional summer. During these weeks, we warn them that things will soon change greatly. We try to offer advice... which usually falls on deaf ears. We help them make their preparations...without doing it all for them.

As an interesting aside, isn't it interesting to observe the differences in female and male adult behavior in these situations towards their youngsters. The

male of any species...including humans...will help their young...but only to a point and mainly in matters of real survival.

Females...on the other hand...will mother, nurture, protect, overassist, and be more willing to allow reentry into the nest.

This is pretty much the case in our family. I cannot wait to push our nymph out of his secure little cocoon and see how quickly he morphs into the strong and brave adult that we expect him to become. His mother is a typical mother. Her role in his upbringing has been to nurture, protect, and assist. She is more quick to help him prepare, and a bit more reluctant to let him go. She has been the support person, the organizer, the administrator, the motivating force, the involved and social one, and the connection between families. I have been the simple provider.

So, it's a transitional zone thing for both of us also. Both parents must start transitioning and preparing themselves for a smaller family starting in September ...although Dad will have a much easier time with both the transition and the departure than will Mom.

I will truly relish the upcoming hardships that he will encounter and conquer. The mother will probably fret and worry too much over things that she cannot control...a definite female thing.

Parents, of any species, can really do only so much towards developing their offspring into strong adults. The influence of other forces and people now begin to take over where we leave off...which, along with the strong education...is one of the best attributes of the college experience.

To watch them grow, mature, and develop is really a kick as they progress through their teens...although most are too dependent on their parents. We

have been too easy on our son...in some ways. There is, though, a fine balance that all parents must walk between letting teens find their own way and still having high expectations that they must meet.

Parents cannot expect perfection from a son or daughter. Kids make mistakes...and have their bad habits...as do their parents. Parents must expect...and look forward to that day when it's time for the child to leave the home. Very soon now our oldest son, along with millions of other young Americans, will be stepping off into a new phase of their lives. It will soon be time for them all to sink or swim.

The theory must be that if they are eager to go...our responsibilities as parents are almost complete. If they are eager to go...we have prepared them well. If they are eager to go...they will undoubtedly succeed at school...and in life.

This summer serves as the final zone of transition between their current and their future lives. Let them go. They will do well and be just fine. ♣

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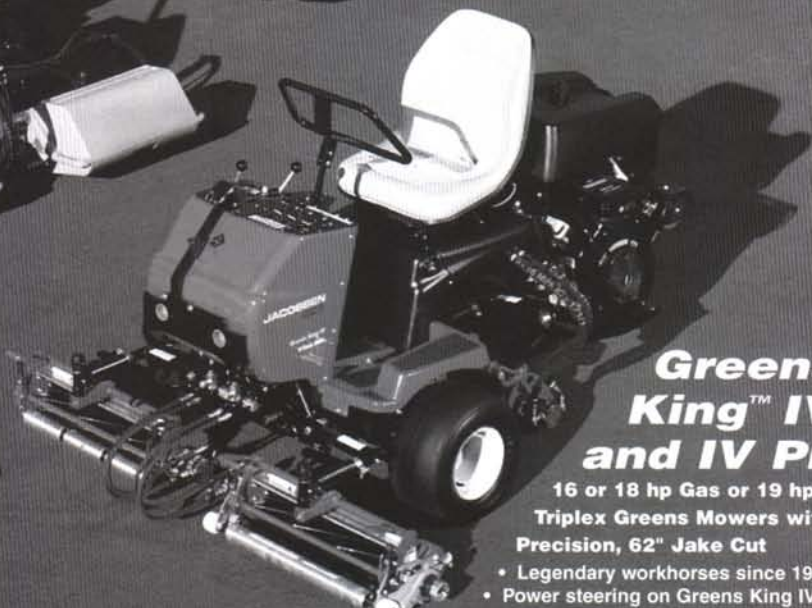
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Put These WTA Dates on Your Calendar

By **Tom Schwab**, O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The summer will be half over by the time this issue of *The Grass Roots* reaches the bookstore shelves. It will be the perfect time to send in your registration for one or both of the spectacular Wisconsin Turfgrass Association summer events. Those are the Summer Field Day and the Fundraiser Golf Outing. During Field Day you can visit and learn about all the important research that is being conducted by University of Wisconsin-Madison turf researchers. Sooner or later you will need that information at your golf course. The Golf Fundraiser is a great way to enjoy a late season round of golf and help support some of that important turfgrass research that you'll see at Field Day through the Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship Program.

The dates for the events are Tuesday, August 12th for Field Day, and Wednesday, October 8th for the Golf Fundraiser. The site for Field Day is always at the Noer Facility in Verona. The site for the golf outing is always different. We have been fortunate to play some of the state's finest golf venues over the years for this event.

This year will be no exception. Tony Rzadzki is the 2003 Fundraiser host at his brand new 'The Bull at Pinehurst Farms' in Sheboygan Falls. This Jack Nicklaus design course is receiving much acclaim from national golf writers and is one of the most anticipated new course openings this year. You may visit their website if you'd like to see the golf course. Go to www.golfthebull.com, hit the golf course layout button, and then go to the hole by hole



Site of the 2003 WTA Golf Fundraiser.

tour. You will be amazed at how beautiful the course is and you won't want to miss this opportunity to play it.

The registration form for the Golf Fundraiser was mailed out to all WTA members and was included in the spring issue of the

Wisconsin Turfgrass News and recent issues of *The Grass Roots*. Call Audra 608-845-6536 if you need another form or have questions. The Fundraiser sold out last year when it was hosted at Blackwolf Run and likely will sell out again this year. Again like last



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Lots of important questions get answered during Summer Field Day.

year almost all of your registration money will go to the cause. Tony found a way like Mike Lee did last year to work with the owners and keep fixed expenses low. About 75% of your registration fee will go to WDFG for turf research. You may give more to the cause and sponsor a golf hole or donate a door prize, which we hope you do likewise.

The registration form for the Summer Field Day was also mailed out in June. And August 12th will be here before you know it. We hope you can make it. You will be

greatly rewarded. Be sure to tell your peers and bring your crew.

Here are some of the highlights for the two events.

Summer Field Day - Tuesday, August 12th, 2003, 'O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility'

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WTA Golf Fundraiser, Wednesday, October 8th, 2003, 'The Bull at Pinehurst Farms'

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By **Jeff Gregos**, Research Program Manager, Departments of Plant Pathology and Horticulture, University of Wisconsin-Madison

In my new position as Turfgrass Research Program Manager for both the Departments of Plant Pathology and Horticulture, I am responsible for all of the turfgrass field research for both departments. This position gives me an opportunity to preview new chemicals and experimental chemicals that are years from the market. This includes both fungicides and herbicides, and this year's testing holds some promising chemicals.

HERBICIDES

Whether it is annual bluegrass in bentgrass, or bentgrass in Kentucky bluegrass that you want to selectively remove, we are looking at several chemicals that are showing promise for either of these applications. This year we are conducting a trial to evaluate the efficacy of several chemicals for just such applications. At the Noer Facility we have a Supina bluegrass plot that has a significant amount of creeping bentgrass infestation. This situation will provide an excellent site for determining herbicide activity on either species. From the data obtained we should be able to extrapolate the degree of activity to other species such as annual bluegrass or rough bluegrass, which we intend to investigate further in the future.

While some of the chemicals in this trial may be familiar, some of the compounds that we will be evaluating are only numbered compounds at this time and may be many years from the market. Other chemicals may be available for use in the near future. One such chemical that could be on your shelf in the near future is Velocity.

If you are not familiar with Velocity, it is a post emergent control for annual bluegrass, which

has shown very good success. Valent (the manufacturer) recently submitted the registration package to EPA and hopes to have it reviewed for registration in the next year. Currently, several states have applied for special use permits, and Dr. Stier is looking into the possibility of a special use permit for turfgrass managers in our state.

Additionally, we are looking at some chemicals that only have selectivity on bentgrass. One such chemical, Balance, is currently labeled in other states as a corn herbicide, but is not labeled in Wisconsin. Balance, which is produced by Bayer, might never receive a turf label but, hopefully some day it will. We have been using it at the Noer Facility since last fall to take bentgrass out of several turfgrass plots, and it has shown to cause no noticeable damage on most cool-season turfs that we have tested it on (Kentucky bluegrass, Texas bluegrass, annual bluegrass, and tall fescue). While you might not want to spray this type of product on your greens, it may come in handy for controlling bentgrass in the surrounds of the green, or the intermediate rough.

This study is in its infancy, and many of the chemicals are currently not labeled for such applications. We hope that knowledge gained will help selective management of such species in the future. Also, our data could help encourage product registration and development.

FUNGICIDES

Over the past year there have been several chemicals that have come to market with similar activity as Chipco Aliette. This year we are evaluating Alude, from Cleary's

Chemical, for Pythium blight control as well as in some of the anthracnose trials that we are conducting at golf courses around the state. This chemical, like Aliette, induces phytoalexins and other plant compounds that will protect plants from disease or other stress put on turf during the summer months.

Additionally from Cleary's is Endorse, which has shown to be very effective against anthracnose. With the reduced control that many superintendents have experienced over the past year, it will be nice to have a new option to manage this difficult disease. Like several chemicals that I have evaluated in the past, this chemistry has been around for a while. I evaluated it in the early 90's for several diseases, and this fungicide has a broad spectrum of activity. Also, it has been evaluated in the past for Typhula blight, and could be a possibility for your winter disease control needs.

Another chemical that will be reviewed again this year is Ranman from ISK Biosciences. You may remember this name as once being associated with Daconil. As I found out last year they are still in the chemical development business. This product was reviewed last year in our Pythium blight control study and it shows some promise for a Pythium fungicide.

Once again this year we are shooting to stay on top of the wave by bringing you evaluations of the latest chemicals and turf management regimes. Don't forget to mark your calendar for August 12th to check out some of the results of these chemicals and other studies being conducted at the O. J. Noer Facility for the Summer Field Day. 🌿



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Welch Passes Away; Provided Strong Support to Wisconsin Superintendents



By **Wayne Otto**, Turfgrass Support Services

Bob Welch passed away on Saturday, May 17 at 74 years of age. He was a long time MMSD and Milorganite staff person in the time of O.J. Noer, Charlie Wilson and Jim Latham. Bob was a member of the USGA, the Wisconsin Public Links Association and the Whitnall Park Men's Golf Association. He was also a member of the WGCSA and a strong supporter of our organization. During the years he was working he regularly attended our meetings. Bob also played a key role in the O.J. Noer Research Foundation (he was the secretary) and in the Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium.

Once upon a time I told Bob that, "I wasn't going to go to a particular meeting because it was too far to travel." He told me that I better attend that meeting because the superintendent at that course was a

strong support of the Wisconsin GCSA.

Soon after moving to Wisconsin from Nebraska, I met Bob while sharing a ride to a WGCSA meeting at Tuscumbia Golf Course with Joe Deschler and Bill Sell. After a little bit of a rocky start we really became good friends.

Everyone knew O.J., Charlie and Jim, but who was Welch? He was the guy at Milorganite who wrote recommendations after studying the laboratory analysis of the soil samples that I had sent from my course in Nebraska. When I figured out who Bob was, my response to him right out of the gate was, "Oh, you are the guy that made my greens alkaline." Even though I was kidding, he was very offended by my remark.

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