Ohio Turfgrass Conference Report

'Neither Sleet Nor Snow . . . '

WINTER STORMS played a part in the recent Ohio Turfgrass Foundation (OTF) Conference and Show but in no way diminished the value for the more than 900 who were able to attend.



John S. McCoy (left) was honored as the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation's "Man-of-the-Year" at the annual banquet. McCoy has been active for many years in golf course construction and maintenance. Presenting the award is OTF Past President Paul Morgan.

Snow ranging up to 27 inches deep in northern Ohio closed highways and limited attendance for several hundred in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana and northern Ohio who usually make this major regional event. Yet the show pulled heavily from central and southern Ohio and Kentucky.

Paul Mechling, newly elected president for 1975, expressed the general Foundation board opinion that the large attendance in the face of adverse weather conditions indicated the strength of the show-conference combination.

A total of 56 exhibits utilized more than 100 booth spaces at the Columbus, Ohio, site and the formal program was directed to specific areas of the industry such as the custom applicator, cemetery maintenance, athletic fields, school grounds and chemical and equipment problems. Plans are to continue this type program again this year.



Two turf students from Clark Technical College were awarded OTF scholarships at the Ohio Turfgrass Conference and Show. Adviser Dalton Deal (left) observes while students Gary Dilbert and Don Smith receive their awards, presented by OTF Trustee Mac Gilley.



President Ron Smith (right) receives the President's Plaque for his outstanding service to the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation. The newly elected president for 1975, Paul Mechling of Sylvania Country Club, made the presentation.

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