



**HAPPY HOUR**

with the Turf Docs

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**Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Virtually 2–4pm**

Save The Date! Take the afternoon off, curl up with a beverage of choice and join the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association as we virtually host *Happy Hour with the Turf Docs!*

Although COVID will not allow us to meet in person for Research Day 2021, we can still come together virtually and talk turf with some of the leading turf scientists in the world. Dr. Frank Rossi of Cornell University will lead a discussion with UW's Dr. Doug Soldat and, Dr. Paul Koch, along with Dr. Bill Kreuser from the University of Nebraska and Glen Obear. This no cost, informal discussion will highlight industry trends, challenges, current research, and hot turf topics. More importantly, it is an opportunity for our WTA members to ask questions and spark discussions on issues we face as turf managers.

We will be meeting via Zoom with an email invitation sent the day of the event for those that pre-registered. To receive the invite for this no cost event, you must sign up on the WTA website [www.wisconsinturfgrassassociation.org](http://www.wisconsinturfgrassassociation.org). We ask that you log on, sign up, include a preferred email address for the Zoom invite and submit a question or two. While on the website, please renew your WTA membership for 2021. Bring a friend or colleague, showcase what our great association has to offer and encourage them to join and support the WTA, its mission, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison turf program.

The WTA's mission is to support turfgrass research and education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This includes funding of programs in turfgrass management and allied disciplines that enhance the understanding and general knowledge of the art and science of maintaining turfgrass. We need your support, now more than ever, to continue this mission.

Please sign up for the Happy Hour and renew your WTA membership today. If you have questions about this event or becoming a WTA member, please contact Audra Anderson at [audra.anderson@wisc.edu](mailto:audra.anderson@wisc.edu) or 608 845-6536.

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**Date:** Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 2-4pm

**Cost:** FREE

**Platform:** Zoom (invite sent via email on January 21<sup>st</sup>)

**Sign up:** Wisconsin Turfgrass Association website [www.wisconsinturfgrassassociation.org](http://www.wisconsinturfgrassassociation.org)

Enter name, preferred email address for zoom invite and turf related questions.

## About the Turf Docs



Frank Rossi, Ph.D., is an associate professor and extension turfgrass specialist in the Horticulture Department at Cornell University. Dr. Rossi administers a broad-based research and education program focused on ecological aspects of turfgrass science. The goal of his research and education efforts for undergraduates, graduate students and industry professionals is to improve the environmental compatibility and economic feasibility of turfgrass management systems.



Doug Soldat, Ph.D., is a professor in the Soil Science department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He earned both his bachelors and master's degrees in soil science at the University of Wisconsin and Ph.D. in horticulture at Cornell University. He focuses on turfgrass, urban soils, nutrient management, water resources, soil testing and landscape irrigation.



Paul Koch, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He earned his bachelors, masters, and Ph.D. in Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His research is focused on three areas: precision disease management using predictive models, pesticide fate and impact on turfgrass landscapes, and the turfgrass microbiome. Research in each area includes both fundamental and applied objectives to gain a broad biological understanding of the system with the intent of developing pest management recommendations for the turfgrass industry that are both effective and reduce non-target impacts.



Bill Kreuser, Ph.D., is an extension specialist and assistant professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his Ph.D. at Cornell University. Dr. Kreuser's research focuses on turfgrass soil, water, and nutrient management. Current interests include the relationship between turf crown moisture and temperature stress tolerance, sustainable lawn management, use of nitrogen sensing technology to increase fertilizer application precision, and the cause and management of impermeable iron-oxide layers in sand-based putting greens.



Glen Obear leads the R&D, technical services, and regulatory departments at Exacto, Inc. Glen has worked in the turf industry for over a decade, conducting research in turfgrass entomology, soil science, and water chemistry. He is currently working towards a Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he is studying the formation of iron-cemented layers in putting greens.