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graphite shafted clubs, which have engendered considerable controversy among pros and members. Many pros feel that the graphites won’t really come into their own until they can be produced more cheaply. It seems that golf ball sales have equaled ‘72 figures or slightly better, due to the popularity of the Surlyn covers and new dimple configurations.

Bag sales were up in the South, but stayed about even with ‘72 sales or a bit lower in the New England area.

Ron Reiner at Muttontown G & CC bitterly lamented the 50 per cent nose dive in his over-all shop sales, but confessed optimism about ‘74. “I can’t imagine ‘74 being as wet as this. I mean two wet years in a row must be unlikely.” He complained that his men’s soft goods were down and that women’s soft good sales were pitiful.

A few pros say they suffered some grief over their buying methods on the color coordinated shirts and pants. “When I bought for ‘73 I forgot that many customers want only a pair of pants or a shirt without its matching counterpart. I found myself stuck with a bunch of shirts that had matched pants I’d already sold, but not the ones I had left in stock. Then when a member was after a shirt and pant combination, I couldn’t match anything. Next year I’ll buy colors that will go with anything in a pinch.”

Pat Cici at Cedar Brook GC, was stung by the slow season, but says the Mill River Plan saved him from suffering as extensively as some of his fellow pros. Like many Eastern professionals, Cici listed rain gear as his biggest seller and says he just struggled to hold his own in the other areas.

Despite the general despondency among club professionals over the ruins of the ‘73 selling season, this is not the first year weather beaten pros have pulled under the lash of wind and water and, we have confidence that, as in other grim years, they will pull themselves up from their rain boot straps during the remainder of the season and attack the next year as though the last had been good training for the future.