

NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

PGA Winter Tourney Program Announced

The annual PGA winter tournament schedule, with a break for the Merchandise Show Jan. 25-28, has been announced by PGA President Henry C. Poe.

The program, which brings thousands of club pros from all over the nation to their competitive Florida retreat for five weeks, includes five main tournaments — the PGA Seniors, the 72-hole Match and Stroke Play Tournaments, and the 36-hole Quarter Century and Senior/Junior Tournaments.

Defending champion in the Lincoln-Mercury Seniors Championship will be Charley Sifford who outlasted Fred Wampler of

Denver in an extra-hole playoff last January.

The schedule is:

Qualifying for Senior-Junior Championship, Jan. 8; Senior-Junior Best Ball, Jan. 10-11; PGA Stroke Play Championship, Jan. 13-16; qualifying for PGA Match Play Championship, Jan. 20; PGA Match Play Championship, Jan. 22-26; Pro-Manufacturers Pro-Am, Jan. 23; PGA Merchandise Show, Jan. 25-28; PGA Seniors' Championship, Jan. 29-Feb. 1; Seniors' Banquet, Feb. 1; and PGA Quarter Century Club Championship, Feb. 3-4.

Should You Send Ryegrass To Do a Bluegrass's Work?

Many golf course superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic region of the country feel they are throwing their money away trying to get a little bluegrass established on their golf courses, according to Lee C. Dieter, superintendent at Washington Golf and Country Club, Arlington, Va.

Referring to an article written by Maryland's Dr. John Hall entitled, "Don't Send a Ryegrass To Do a Bluegrass's Work," Dieter said many superintendents in his area have been using the new perennial ryegrasses quite successfully for the past few years.

"High soil temperatures, golf turf height of cut, *Fusarium roseum*, other diseases and limiting factors just won't allow us to grow good bluegrass turf," Dieter wrote in the newsletter of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. "I started looking seriously at the perennial ryegrasses in the summer of 1971 when my newly seeded tees held up so well. I noted especially its ability to hold up to the

7/8 inch of cut, its vigor in competing with *Poa annua* and crabgrass and how it managed to hold up in the hot weather.

The next year, Dieter said he seeded five *Poa annua* tees with ryegrass, some to a Pelo and some to a Manhattan. He was pleased, he said, and so were his members. In 1973 he seeded these same tees and about eight feet of his aprons to Manhattan as he felt it performed a little better than Pelo.

All these past seedings were, after thatching, at five pounds per 1,000 square feet. He also seeded four fairways that fall at 45 pounds per acre in one direction. Again he said he was more than pleased with the results. Last fall he expanded his program by seeding the complete apron on all the holes, overseeded (opposite direction) the four fairways he seeded in 1973 and seeded four more fairways.

CMAA National Headquarter Negotiations Still Continue

Officials of the Club Managers Association of America are

negotiating the purchase of Winterberry Place, a former ambassadorial property in Bethesda, Md., for use as the association's national headquarters.

The 11,000-square-foot property is constructed on 1 1/2 acres of attractively landscaped grounds immediately adjacent to the District of Columbia. The purchase would not be final until a zoning change was granted. CMAA President John Simmons said he is hopeful that this would not take more than a year.

Officials of the CMAA said the structure lends itself well in many ways to the needs of the headquarters staff. Office space, meeting rooms, and the opportunity for development and expansion of educational, statistical and research services all fit the conceptual projections for CMAA growth.

Sole Ownership of PGA Name Upheld in New Orleans Court

The Professional Golfers' Association of America has announced the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans has ruled that John D. MacArthur may not continue to use the PGA name and initials in connection with the former PGA National Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

The court acted on an appeal from MacArthur stemming from a permanent injunction issued March 1974 by the District Court in Miami, prohibiting the illegal use of the PGA name and initials.

MacArthur subsequently changed the name of the club to the JDM Country Club.

The decision of the New Orleans Appeals Court apparently resolved the last legal snarl growing out of the abrupt termination of the PGA lease at the MacArthur-owned golf facility in Palm Beach Gardens.

PGA President Henry C. Poe hailed the court's ruling, saying:

"Naturally, we are pleased with the outcome. We regretted the necessity for taking action in the beginning but it was apparent we had to in order to protect our interests and good name.

"We are indeed happy that the courts have agreed with our position in this matter."