

# NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY continued

of the player's last 20 rounds.

The report said the overall distance standards will be set soon. They will limit the distance a golf ball may travel and a club can drive a ball under standard conditions using USGA test equipment. Impact conditions for these tests resemble

those of a good long-hitting golfer.

Last year, the Green Section announced information on two major subjects. First, specifications for a golf sand were announced, adaptable for both bunker sand and topsoil mixture. The other subject matter announced related to golf spikes. After extensive research, the USGA has said that the most damaging part of the spike for turf, especially for compaction, is the

shoulder portion of the spike which protrudes from the sole. Golf Shoe manufacturers have been requested to produce their shoes with a recessed shoulder of the spike.

## ProTurf Div. Announces Two Overseeding Blends

ProTurf Div. of O.M. Scott & Sons, headquartered in Marysville, Ohio, has just introduced two new seed blends specially designed for use in winter overseeding. The announcement was made by Dick Spitler, ProTurf's Southern Regional Manager.

According to Spitler, the new blends are named WinterGreen I and WinterGreen II. WinterGreen I is a blend of Manhattan and Pennfine Perennial Ryegrass and Victoria Kentucky Bluegrass. WinterGreen II is a blend of Highlight Fescue, *Poa trivialis* and Seaside Bentgrass. Both blends are better than 99.9 percent weed-free.

Spitler reported the new ProTurf overseeding blends were developed and tested at Scott's two Southern research field stations, at Apopka, Fla. and Cleveland, Texas, and on several golf courses throughout the South. Both ProTurf overseeding blends are available through ProTurf technical representatives calling on professional turf managers throughout the South.

## Toro Starts Parts Seminars; Announces First-Half Sales

Toro Co., Minneapolis, has opened the first of a series of seminars to help personnel of its worldwide network of distributors to sharpen their skills in parts management and inventory control.

The seminars are expected to become a regular part of Toro's training program, according to R. F. Eldred, general manager of Toro's Parts Div.

In other news from Minneapolis, Toro has reported unaudited sales for the first six months ended Jan. 31 of almost \$64.5 million. This is an increase of 35 percent over the same period during the last fiscal year. Net earnings declined to 38 cents a share this year as compared to 55 cents last year.



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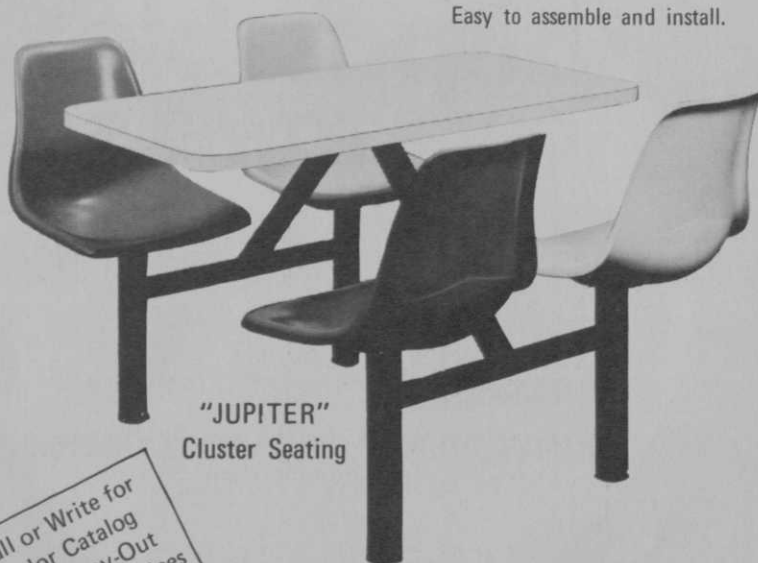
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