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NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY continued

National Golf Foundation Announces Teacher Seminar

The National Golf Foundation has announced dates and locations for its 1976 Fifth Annual Seminars for Teachers and Coaches of Golf. As in past years, the programs will offer a five-day, in-depth concentration upon modern golf teaching and coaching methodology as presented by foremost professionals and educators of the game.

Sessions will be held June 20-25 at Singing Hills Lodge and Country Club, El Cajon, Calif.; July 5-10 at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.; and August 1-6 at Pine Needles Lodges and Country Club, Southern Pines, N.C.

Each program will be open to golf teachers, coaches and interested professionals. The California seminar will be designed for both beginning and advanced level teachers while the New Hampshire seminar will focus on teachers on a beginning level and the North Carolina seminar is for those at an advanced level. Four recertification credit points will be awarded through the Professional Golfers' Association to pros for attendance at any one of the three programs.

Brochures and applications are available from the NGF at 707 Merchandise Mart, Chicago 60654.

Florida Golf Representatives Re-Elect Faultless' Stone

The Florida Golf Representatives Association held its biggest-ever show recently at Innisbrook Golf Resort with 53 booths of exhibitors.

The show coincided with the Florida PGA Section tournament held at Innisbrook. It filled the resort's convention center and several exhibitors had to be turned away for lack of space. State shows have been held regularly since 1959 in conjunction with the PGA tournament but this was the first one that had been operated independently by the association.

Jack Stone of Fort Lauderdale, who represents Faultless, was re-elected president of the representatives group and said that a similar show will be held next year but not

necessarily in connection with the PGA event. The representatives want the show at the time their new product lines come out, which is often earlier than the PGA section championship.

There were an estimated 300 buyers from Florida golf facilities at the show. Jerry Porter of Dunlop and Bill Kennedy of PGA/Victor were elected vice presidents and Todd Read of Etonic was named secretary-treasurer. The association has 83 members.

Green Topdressing Timing Is of Critical Importance

Timing of topdressing can be of critical importance especially when applied during periods coinciding with peak germination of weed seeds that might be dragged onto the greens from the fairways, according to John R. Hall, turf specialist at University of Maryland.

Hall said spring topdressing in late April has been known to lead to heavy infestations of smooth crabgrass and goosegrass in situations where the topdressing provided an excellent seedbed for the annual grass germination. The same problem can arise in situations where late fall golfers drag annual bluegrass onto freshly topdressed greens in late October and early November.

Hall explained topdressing is the spreading of a prepared mixture of soil-like material over established turf. It is practiced most frequently on creeping bentgrass greens where vigorous thatch development occurs as a result of rapid stolon development, excessive nitrogen fertilization or other factors.

He said topdressing generally becomes necessary when greens do not putt "true." He said greens needing topdressing are characterized by excessive thatch buildup, puffiness, footprinting, poor water infiltration and excessive disease activity.

He said normal rates of application range from 1/8 to 3/4 cubic yards of topdressing per 1,000 square feet. New greens may need to be topdressed every two weeks to provide adequate stolon coverage and smoothing. Good topdressing is characterized by being similar in texture to the soil in the greens. It is generally mixed eight to 16 months in advance to allow for maximum stabilization and biological activity.