

Pacific Distributing, Inc.

Toro Pacific Distributing-San Francisco has been purchased by Louis A. Rinaldi, former general manager of that distributorship, and Gene Warne, former general manager of the Los Angeles distributorship. Their company name will be Westoro Distributing Co.

Toro Distributing-New York has been sold to Hartley D. Bingham, president of Elmco Distributors, Inc. Bernard Wollin, former general manager of the distributorship, has joined Elmco as a vice president and director.

All three companies will handle allied products of other manufacturers in addition to Toro.

TURFGRASS

NGF conducts survey of turf species use

Sixty percent of the respondents in a recent nationwide survey conducted by the National Golf Foundation rated Pennncross bentgrass "superior" for use on

NATIONAL GOLF FOUNDATION BOX SCORE					
January-December 1978		REGULATION COURSES	EXECUTIVE COURSES	PAR 3 COURSES	TOTAL
OPENED FOR PLAY	New	50	14	4	126
	Additions	49	9	0	
STARTED CONSTRUCTION	New	46	5	2	92
	Additions	35	2	2	
PROSPECTIVE		100	10	6	116

putting surfaces.

Survey responses were received from 1,623 golf facilities representing a cross-section by type, size of course, and geographic location, according to NGF Director of Research Ed Wells. An analysis of the results reveals the following highlights:

- Bluegrass was the most frequently used species on tees (reported by 32 percent of the respondents), fairways (52 percent), and roughs (53 percent). Bentgrass had the second highest frequency of use on tees (26 percent), while bermudagrass was second on fairways (23 percent)

and roughs (19 percent). On greens, bentgrass was used most often (by 79 percent of the courses responding), followed by bermuda (15 percent). Climate was given as the leading factor in influencing selection of grasses.

- Sixty percent of the respondents rated Pennncross bentgrass "superior" and 26 percent "very good" for use on greens. The next highest rating was attained by the Seaside variety, which was rated superior by 8 percent of the respondents and very good by 24 percent.

- Sixty percent of the courses reported annual budgets for grass

seed of \$1,000 or under. The median figure was \$833, while the average was \$1,485.

- Fifty percent of the respondents overseed tees on an annual basis; 39 percent overseed greens annually; 31 percent, fairways; and 8 percent, roughs. The average amount spent per pound for bentgrass for overseeding was \$5.19.

- Manhattan was selected as the top preference of perennial ryegrasses (by 48 percent) out of 10 popular varieties listed.

- Expanded green renovation for next year was planned by 27 percent of the facilities.

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