New Bentgrass Announced By Northrup, King

A new variety of Colonial bentgrass reported to be as easily managed as bluegrasses is being introduced by Northrup, King & Co. Called Holfior bentgrass, the new variety has been undergoing tests by Northrup King since 1956 and is said to produce a turf of uniform color, texture and leaf width.

Most importantly, Holfior does very well with only the moderate amounts of fertilization and irrigation required by bluegrass. Intensive disease control measures are needed infrequently; it is resistant to snow mold and only moderately susceptible to dollar spot.

According to Howard Kaerwer, chief turf agronomist at Northrup King, Holfior produces plants of leafy, dense and upright growth that do not segregate for color, texture, leaf width or growth characteristics.

Seed of Holfior is being produced in Washington State. It is resistant to snow mold and only moderately susceptible to dollar spot.

Northern California GCSA Elects New 1971 Officers

The Golf Superintendents Association of Northern California elected their 1971 officer slate in a session April 14. Officers are as follows: C. W. Westherton, Dublin, president; Roger A. Larson, Pebble Beach, vice-president; and Michael R. Clark, Santa Rosa, secretary-treasurer. Directors are: Howard E. Fisher, Jr., Calistoga; Jim Ross, Los Gatos; Ken Vorderbruggen, Incline Village, Nev.; Lawrence Feliciano, Lodi; and Y. Lee Huang, Walnut Creek. Honorary director is Clifford A. Wagoner, Modesto.

Baron Kentucky Bluegrass Now For Sale In Canada

Baron, a new variety of Kentucky bluegrass has been officially licensed for sale in Canada by the Canada Department of Agriculture.

Baron was developed in the Netherlands and has been extensively tested at the University of Guelph Turf Grass Trials, Canada Department of Agriculture Turf Research Trials, Agassiz, British Columbia as well as Michigan State University and the University of Rhode Island Turf Trials.

Baron is similar in many respects to merion. It is resistant to leaf spot as is merion but Baron in addition has more rapid germination, is low growing and has a darker green color than merion. It greens up early in the spring and forms a very dense low growing turf which crowds out weeds and other undesirable grasses. It is particularly suited to low clipping height.

The new variety is resistant to stripe smut, a serious turf disease which is ravaging merion and other varieties in some parts of North America.