National Golf Foundation 1983 Golfer Profile Survey

NORTH PALM BEACH, Fla. — The typical American golfer is 48 years old, reports an average score of 87, lives in a household with an annual median income of \$37,000 and spends over \$500 a year on green fees and golf equipment, according to the National Golf Foundation's 1983 Golfer Profile Survey.

"The survey reveals some interesting facts and figures on golfers and their golfing habits, " reports Sandra Eriksson, NGF director of research. "Overall, it indicates that American golfers are more mature, affluent and better educated than the population as a whole."

The survey also covered the number of rounds played, reasons for taking up the game, percentage of rounds using a golf car and clothing and golf shoe purchases.



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before Turf-Cal application to reduce heavy thatch. Verticut to make room for new growth. Bring the soil to surface to favor new seedlings. Avoid overseeding in heavy thatch. Aerify yearly as necessary to keep thatch from accumulating.

5. Overseed as needed. Repeat introduction of seed of the desired cultivars until uniform stand is produced. Seed 5-20 pounds per acre when conditions are suitable. Repair worn areas and resod critical areas. Use caution in treating newly seeded areas. Use lower recommended rates of Turf-Cal on new seedings and keep root zone moist.

6. Apply Turf-Cal in late summer or early fall. Use Turf-Cal before September 15th when possible because days become shorter and light intensity diminishes. This encourages cool season grasses and new seedlings to fill in during fall, winter and spring. Apply uniformly. Avoid skips and overlaps.

7. Maintain effective soil arsenic levels. Continue program by applying supplemental Turf-Cal at maintenance rates annually in the fall.

8. Emergency phosphorus supplement: If unusual conditions indicate emergency correction is needed, weakened **Poa annua** can be improved by the application of 1/8 to 1/4 pound per 1,000 sq. ft. of soluble phosphorus as a liquid fertilizer. Do not use more than needed. Avoid this procedure if possible.

9. Eliminate all plant material. Turf areas composed of high percentage of **Poa annua** may be killed with Round-up. Cultivate and reseed to desired cultivars. The new stand of grass may be protected by use of Turf-Cal.

10. **Special note on greens.** Use lower rates on greens where sand predominates in the root zone. The base exchange capacity is low on sand greens.

Equipment should be carefully calebrated; turf managers should understand the limitations, the requirements and need for continuity to successfully rid **Poa annua** and establish desirable grasses.

The elimination of weedy grasses and the establishment of fine turf requires a knowledgeable, dedicated superintendent who communicates effectively with his membership.

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portunity to interchange these fungicides. For instance, use of metalaxyl in early July followed by an application of propamocarb 2-3 weeks later in a preventative fungicide program would tend to elude any possible Pythium resistence to either fungicide.

Managing Pythium involves comprehension of a series of variables, both cultural and physical. Some are within the control of the Golf Course Superintendent and he can help himself maintain a high level of Pythium management with a strong awareness of those variables bolstered with an active Pythium preventative fungicide program. The blight strikes too swiftly and destructively to ignore it's consequences.

I'll leave you with a word ... ANTICIPATE.