

(Root Pythium cont'd.)

—Should use of sand greens be discontinued? No! Use sand, but be prepared. Watch for this condition where sand topdressing is used. Aerification and wetting agents help to lessen the severity of the condition. Look for the condition where sixty to one hundred percent sand is used in green construction.

—As a last resort, a plastic interface around the rim of the green may help as a barrier to the spread of the organism. Putting green design that eliminates a soil-sand interface at the outer most edge of the green, particularly at the soil surface is recommended.

## Golf Leaders Are Present as Joe Dey Accepts Herb Graffis Award

RYE, N.Y. — Virtually all of the leaders in golf in the United States rose to salute Joseph C. Dey as he received the 1986 NGF Herb Graffis Award at the Westchester Country Club October 8. Mr. Dey and his wife were clearly moved by the lengthy standing ovation given them by the leaders of American golf associations, companies, publications and golf courses, gathered to honor the former executive director of the United States Golf Association and first commissioner of what is now the PGA TOUR.

“Joe Dey has not only been a dear friend to me, but he has been a friend to all of golf,” said LPGA Commissioner John D. Laupheimer in making the presentation to Dey. “This award is a true expression of appreciation by the golf community for his tireless efforts to make golf a great game for everyone.”

Mr. Dey was chosen to receive the 1986 Herb Graffis Award by an overwhelming vote of the National Golf Foundation Board of Directors. The award is given annually for long-time and outstanding contributions in preserving the true spirit of the game of golf.

The award's namesake, Mr. Herb Graffis, was unable to make the trip to New York for the presentation, but the 93-year-old co-founder of the NGF did send along some comments, which were read by emcee Jack Whitaker of ABC Sports:

“Joe Dey was a pioneer. I have never met a more honorable person. This award should really be in his name instead of mine,” said Graffis.

The award presentation took place during the 50th Anniversary dinner of the National Golf Foundation, and in his remarks to the audience, Mr. Dey said, “I am truly proud to be honored on such an historic night as this — the 50th Anniversary of the NGF. I accept this award with deep appreciation for the people I have worked with, the friendships I have been granted, all thanks to the game of golf.”

Previous Herb Graffis Award winners include: Joe Jemsek, Arnold Palmer, Carol McCue, Bob Hope, Patty Berg, Jack Nicklaus, Herb Graffis, Bill Davis and Howard Gill, and Howard Clark.

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