

(Dry Spots cont'd.)

A solution of laundry detergent also appeared to remove the coating as did hydrogen peroxide. In fact, large quantities of water applied as a drench apparently dislodged much of the coating and reduced the hydrophobic nature of the soil. However, before specific recommendations can be made, these treatments have to be fully tested under actual field conditions.

In the fall of 1985, several treatments were applied to LDS areas on the experimental green at the UGA Turf Plots. Data is still being collected and analyzed. However, preliminary indications suggest that none of the treatments work as dramatically under field conditions as when tested in the lab. As this particular study is completed and data is fully analyzed the results will be reported in **The Georgia Turfgrass News**.

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Credit: The Georgia Turf Grass News

How Well Does the American Golfer Play? National Survey Reveals Answer for the First Time

JUPITER, Fla. — The typical American golfer reports that he plays an 18 hole round of golf in 25 strokes over par, or an average score of 97. This, and other information has been provided for the first time by a survey of American golfers conducted by the National Golf Foundation. The survey, titled the Golf Consumer Profile, was recently published by the NGF and contains never before available information on how golfers view themselves as players, consumers, media observers, and much more.

Two-thirds of all golfers, according to the Golf Consumer Profile, report they normally break 100 on a regulation 18 hole golf course. Only one-third regularly complete play in under 90 strokes, and the elite group that posts scores in the 70s accounts for only eight percent of all golfers.

Men do a little better than the scoring norm, averaging 23 strokes over par per round. Women average 35 strokes over par on average.

Senior golfers who are a little short off the tee should take heart in their accuracy, for the statistics show seniors over 60 checking in with average scores of 24 strokes over par, one better than the national average for all golfers.

How far do golfers claim to hit the ball? The average male golfer says he realizes about 199 yards off the tee, while the average female's tee shot is approximately 131 yards. Only about 17 percent of males and 2 percent of females boast tee shots of 250 yards or more. When the men and ladies select five irons for approach shots, the men average 137 yards with that club, the ladies average 91 yards.

The Golf Consumer Profile survey was conducted by mail using the Golf Consumer Mail Panel maintained by the NGF and Market Facts, Inc. An eight-page questionnaire was sent to a national representative sample of 1,973 golfers in the summer of 1986. 1,212 usable questionnaires were returned. The return sample was weighted to match U.S. Census statistics on key demographic variables.

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Funds were provided for support of turfgrass insect and disease research to University of Massachusetts, the Pennsylvania State University and Michigan State University. Dr. Pat Vittum, University of Massachusetts; and Dr. Paul Heller, PSU, received funds to support continuing research on turf insects. Dr. Joe Vargas' work on several turfgrass diseases received funding at Michigan State.

According to LESCO's Greg Richards, the grants are part of an annual program in cooperation with Ciba-Geigy to further university turfgrass research.