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green growth is a necessity at most establishments. A four to six week establishment period insures a consistent dense stand of bentgrass or ryegrass. Probably 95% of the overseeded courses use a perennial ryegrass. It establishes quickly and provides a dense uniform turf.

During periods of 30's and 40's the growth reduces. However, the putting surfaces remain consistent and mostly traffic tolerant. Ryegrass easily withstands the 300-350 golfers, ball marks and scuff marks that are characteristic of many of our courses.

Overseeding or non-overseeding is first a golfers decision. Those who do not usually swear by the results, and those who do swear by their results. Some just swear! Hope we have a mild winter, regardless. ■

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USGA Meets In Ft. Lauderdale

March 1 will be the date of the USGA Green Section Southeastern Region Conference. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Airport, located at I-95 and State Road 84, Ft. Lauderdale. Registration is prior to the 8:55 a.m. start. The seminar will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

The morning session subjects and speakers are: Water Uses During Drought Conditions by Dr. Bruce Augustin, Plantation Research Center; How to Prepare a Budget During High Inflation by Tim Heir, Quail Ridge Country Club; Update of Golf Facilities in the Sunbelt by Don Rossi, National Golf Foundation; Promotion of Golf by Earl Collings, PGA. A panel discussion, Is Overseeding Necessary, will be chaired by Tom Burrows, Turtle Creek Club; The Green Section by Charles White, USGA.

The afternoon session will start with a film on the rules of golf by Eric Shiel, USGA, followed by Our Dying Greens by Mark Hampton, Wyndemere Country Club; Equipment Cost Versus Service by Clint Smallridge, CGCS, Royal Ponciana Golf Club. A panel discussion, Tifdwarf, will be chaired by Dr. Phil Busey, Plantation Research Center, followed by a question and answer review chaired by James Moncrief, Director USGA, Southeastern Region.

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USGA SEMINARS

During 1982, The USGA Green Section will conduct several Regional Turf Conferences throughout the country, the dates and locations are listed below.

- Feb. 16 — Sheraton Tera
Farmington, (Boston) Mass.
- 18 — Westchester Country Club
Rye, New York
- 23 — Oak Hill Country Club
Rochester, New York
- Mar. 1 — Holiday Inn (I-95 Airport)
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- 9 — Hilton Inn
Wichita, Kansas
- 15 — Holiday Inn (I-77 South Woodlawn)
Charlotte, North Carolina
- 16 — Minnehaha Country Club
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- 18 — Congressional Country Club
Bethesda, Maryland
- Holiday Inn - North
Cincinnati, Ohio
- 25 — Fox Chapel Country Club
Fox Chapel, (Pittsburgh) Pa.
- Apr. 6 — North Ridge Country Club
Fair Oaks, (Sacramento) California
- 7 — Red Lion/Jantzen Beach
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Are beyond what He can bear
If we share them with our Father
As we talk to Him in prayer
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Every race and every creed
Have but to speak to Father
In their deepest hour of need.

Meeting Not For Supers

Palm Beach Chapter will sponsor their third annual "No Superintendent Seminar" on January 21. This unique concept is for assistants, foremen, equipment mechanics, irrigation technicians, and other key staff members. Golf course superintendents are NOT welcome.

Joe Konwinski, retired area superintendent, will be the moderator. The all day seminar will be held at Palm Beach Junior College, Lake worth. The site will be the Allied Health Building, room 100. Easy excess from I-95 makes the location good for clubs from Vero Beach to Miami. A \$2 registration fee will be charged to cover administrative cost. A continuing education certificate will be presented to each student. Registration time will begin at 8:30 a.m. Classes are from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Subjects to be discussed are turfgrass types, fertilizer, chemicals, irrigation, equipment repair, and golf course construction. ■

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Guest Editorial



Golf course superintendents, along with key officials in other outdoor industries such as commercial nurseries, swimming pool builders and suppliers, landscapers and agriculturists, have a keen interest in South Florida's water supply since their industries depend so heavily upon it.

The South Florida Water Management District, the agency charged by the state legislature with managing our invaluable freshwater supply in South Florida, is aware of this interest and understands the concerns of this multi-million dollar industry as we face what may be a severe water shortage this winter and spring.

In response to that concern, staff members of the Water Management District have met with representatives of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association over the past several months. The result of those meetings is a better understanding by the District of the special problems and needs of the golf course industry, as well as a better understanding by industry people of how the District operates and how it will deal with various water users during a water shortage.

Following this cooperation between industry and government, officials at the Water Management District are confident water intensive industries, such as golf courses, will not have to shoulder more than their fair share of the economic hardships that may be unavoidable during a water shortage. At the same time, it is vital that golf course interests cooperate completely during this critical period. One of the first ways that cooperation can begin is by having all golf courses establish their legal right to water use by becoming permitted water users under the guidelines established by the District. Examining watering techniques to insure that waste is not encouraged, adjusting the timing of irrigation to water during the early morning or late afternoon, and setting sprinkler heads so that they can be targeted to water greens, tees and fairways separately, can all be part of a program to condition your course to withstand the harsh winter and spring we must anticipate.

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