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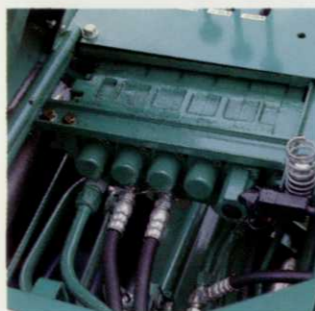
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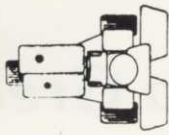
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Phoenix, Arizona site for the 58th International Golf Course Conference and Show, January 26 - February 2, 1987. On our cover is the majestic Grand Canyon, located 200 miles from our conference site. See article on page 41.

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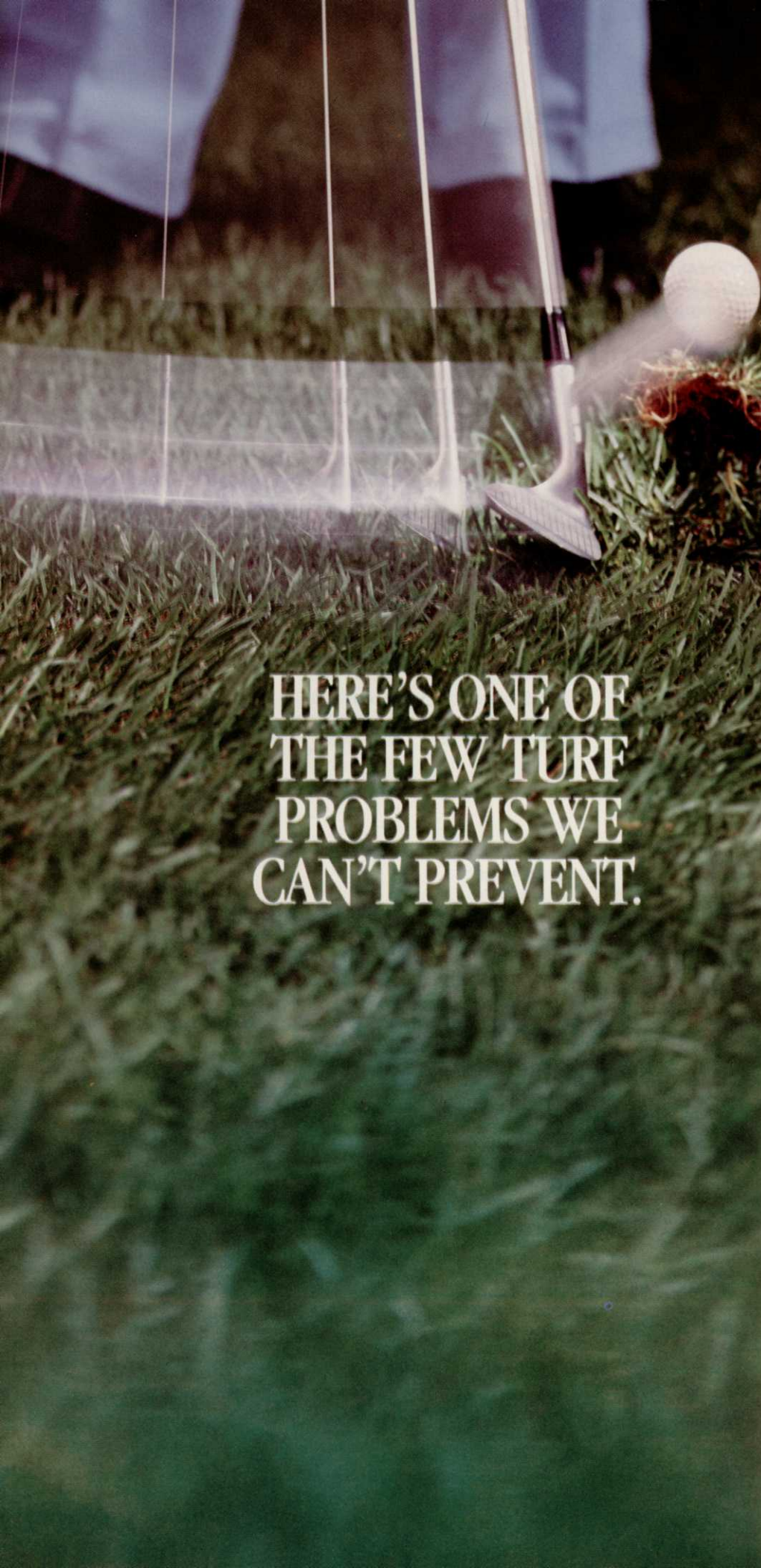
This year's GCSAA Conference and Show in Phoenix promises to be one of the best yet.

I have attended every one since I joined the National some 14-15 years ago. I have never failed to be able to justify the cost of attending. If you have a problem putting a dollar value on the knowledge gained at the Educational Sessions, see how much fertilizer, fungicide, or pesticide you can save by improved methods of application. Look over the new equipment — much of it saves time and labor. All the above translates into dollars. One wise, enlightened equipment purchase or chemical application would probably justify the costs of attending.

I would like to urge all Florida members to attend this year's GCSAA Conference. If you're not currently a member of the GCSAA, join up now and attend next year.

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Reed LeFebvre



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I'm sure you are aware of the current practices taking place in the turf industry—that of harvesting and marketing patented varieties of turfgrass seed illegally.

The attached news release announces steps that two industry leaders are taking in efforts to put an end to such illegal practices.

If you have any questions concerning the contents, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Karna L. Godridge
Executive Vice President
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Editors Note: See Article on Page 50

Dear Dan and Irene:

I have received many compliments since the last issue. We had to enlarge all the doors so the staff could get their heads through.

It is truly a privilege and a pleasure to be on the cover of the Florida Green.

Please stop by for a round of golf. Also, please thank Dan Zelazek for the excellent photographs of the course.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Black
Golf Course Superintendent

Dear Mr. Jones:

I just wanted to extend to you my personal thanks for your prompt and very encouraging response to my letter.

It is so gratifying to know that there are people like yourself who go the extra mile!

Again, many thanks and I am really looking forward to working with your staff in an effort to do a really great story.

Sincerely,

Sara J. Moniz
Public Relations Department
El Conquistador Country Club

Dear Dan,

We at The Plantation Golf & Country Club are very proud of our existing 18 holes of golf and with the addition of our new course, also designed by Ron Carl, we feel we will have the finest facility on the West Coast!

We would very much like to have a photograph of our golf course featured on one of the covers of the Florida Green in the future. We have quite a few breathtaking shots for the camera.

We will be grassing our new course, the Panther, sometime in October, so by April we should have one or two "green sprigs".

Your summer issue was great! Keep up the good work, you and your staff do an excellent job.

Sincereley,

Ed Faticia
Golf Course Superintendent
The Plantation Golf & Country Club
Venice, Florida

Gentlemen:

For several years, while managing properties with golf courses, I was privileged to be on your mailing list for complimentary copies of The Florida Green.

I changed positions and have been managing The Biltmore in Palm Beach since March. I sent you a change of address at that time and requested continuance. I have not received the magazine since.

The Biltmore has no golf course, but it does have large grounds with pool, dock, tennis courts, beach club, etc. all requiring extensive maintenance. Your magazine's editorial content not only touched directly on my problems of lawn and plant care, for example, but your advertisers were frequently contacted and retained. Indeed, I feel your magazine has as much value to me as to a golf course operator.

Thank you. I would hope to see The Florida Green in the future.

Very truly yours,

Robert G. McGarvey
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