

collect soil and plant roots from additional sites to determine the range of this fungus in Minnesota. Samples from golf courses are of special interest to us and would be most desired. Any golf superintendent who had or preferably has patch disease symptoms is encouraged to call or write: Ward C. Stienstra, Professor and Extension Plant Pathologist, Department of Plant Pathology, 495 Borlaug Hall, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108, phone: 625-6290 and request information on how to deliver or arrange for soil and plant samples to be collected.

The isolation of *L. KORRAE* while not easy has become more repeatable and allows for a better analysis of why turf quality has gone down. Development of a distribution range in Minnesota will add needed information on the potential severity of this root pathogen. Your cooperation in identifying sites to sample or directly providing samples to isolate from is needed. The cost of sample processing will be paid by the Minnesota Golf Course

Superintendents Association grant and results of the isolation and interpretation will be sent to those who provide samples. Thanks in advance.

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### 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.