ing the Rubigan program to prevent ger-
mination. On the rest of the course, we
make a fall application of Barricade
sparged on fertilizer around November
1st. I have eliminated the Spring preem-
gent application because the turf just
didn’t seem to be responding as well com-
ing out of winter.

Now, instead of coring the turf stressed
by much winter play, we spike two ways
with a 6 inch deep spiker and fertilize to
promote a healthy turf. The open coring
holes in the spring were providing too
many opportunities for weed invasion.
We have a lot of localized wear areas
causwed by our walking golfers. We ferti-
elize these areas monthly with high Potas-
sium formulations to keep the turf roots
healthy.

Like many of my peers, yellow nut-
sedge has been my biggest headache. One
application of Basagran at 2 Quarts/Acre
is usually sufficient unless it is a really
thick patch. In that case, we re-treat at the
prescribed interval. On some of our
heavily infested ditch banks, we use a
tank mix of Image (1 Qt/A) and MSMA
(1 Qt/A).

We spot treat goosegrass plants lo-
cated through the green with Sencor. If
we find unacceptable populations of
goosegrass on the greens or tees, they are
treated with Illoxa.

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Managing Weeds in
Different Turf Types,
Ornamental Grasses

We have two distinctly different golf
courses here at Bonnet Creek which gives
us different challenges in weed control.
One element they share along with the
clubhouse grounds is an extensive use of
ornamental grasses like cordgrass and
Gulf Muhly. Weed seeds sprout along
the bed borders and in the grass clumps
themselves. We use a tank mix of Basagran
and Pre-M or Round Up along the bed
edges and we spray over the top with
light rates of Southern Formula Trimec
for broadleaf weeds.

The target golf concept on the Eagle
Pines course means that there are large
areas of bare ground or pine straw that
offer potential breeding ground for
weeds. A regular preemergent program
is necessary to keep the weed popula-
tions down. We use Gallery and Snap-
shot in these areas as well as the sparse
"natural" tee slopes that are planted in
Gulf Muhly.

Part of the design concept of Eagle
Pines was to use different grasses for
textural contrasts. Delmar St. Augustine
was used around all the bunker com-
plexes in the fairways and around the
greens. The St. Augustine requires dif-
ferent chemicals than the neighboring
bermudagrass. Great care must be taken
not to overspray one or the other turf
types with the other’s chemical. This can
prove to be labor intensive. When we get
bermudagrass invading the St. August-
ine, there is not too much available that
will take it out safely.
Weed encroachment in native grass plantings can be controlled with over-the-top spraying when necessary:

On the Osprey Ridge course, our biggest problem is crabgrass patches in the roughs, slopes, and bunker faces. The invasion by the weeds seems to follow animal and insect burrowing that creates bare ground situations. We spot treat with Sencor.

We apply a preemergent to our greens and tees slopes to eliminate germination by scattered overseeding. We have used Barricade in the past. This year we are trying Surflan. We treated all 36 fairways with Surflan because we overseeded our roughs for the first time since we opened. In previous years we Kerbed a few problem fairways that had Poa annua.

We have a large Confederate Jasmine bed on a steep slope behind the clubhouse. Weed encroachment was unmanageable until we started spraying over the top with Ornamec at 2.5 ounce per gallon.

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