Hole of the Month

Riddle Farm is widely recognized as a birthplace of champions. Famed racehorses Man O’ War, War Admiral and Seabiscuit were all bred and raised on this pastoral, sprawling track of land that sits just outside of Ocean City, Md. It’s no wonder that, under the direction of acclaimed owner and developer Thomas H. Ruark, Inc., two 18-hole championship courses were born here as well.

At Glen Riddle Golf Club, much of the farm’s rich history is still beautifully preserved. The former stable barn has been converted to a magnificent clubhouse outfitted with period décor and even some of the horses’ original stall doors. On the Man O’ War course, the historical training race track still winds its way through the property as a strategic cross hazard on three holes. Water also presents a challenge throughout the course including Hole No. 13, a difficult par three where a tee shot must be stiff enough to carry over a pond against the incoming sea breezes.

Eric Snelsire serves as Director of the Grounds for both courses. He has the mighty responsibility of keeping the warm-season fairways of the Man O’ War course looking and playing its best. As a result of the diversity between the two courses, there is very little cross over in equipment and management programs. The short growing season for bermudagrass in this region creates management dilemmas since the turf often weakens during the winter, making it vulnerable to significant weed pressures.

Eric and his crew selected fast-acting Dismiss® herbicide for postemergence use on both courses. “Its enduring effectiveness on both sedges and kyllingas has been most obvious,” reports Snelsire. “As an added bonus, we have found it to control or suppress several other common broadleaf weeds.” Given that champion speed is a part of Glen Riddle’s legacy, Dismiss is a winning choice.

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HOLE STATS
Distance: 195 yards, Par 3

THE TURF
Green: L-93 Bentgrass
Fairway: Patriot Hybrid Bermudagrass

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