

# PEER-TO-PEER: BETTER TURF THROUGH NETWORKING



## MGCSA Superintendents were asked about Japanese Beetles

*In the interest of determining establishment range within the state, have you seen Japanese beetles on your golf course? In addition: How long have you seen them on your golf course? Have you treated for them and, if so, for how many years? If you do treat, how many acres?*

Being on the east side I figured it was just a matter of time before the beetle arrived. In 2006 we found a dead one in my office, but none on the golf course. Last year (2007) we had thousands of them on our eleventh hole. It made me wonder if they were imported with some sod. So we treated for the second hatching of the eggs and we will treat this spring again. I am treating fairways only at this point, about 23 acres. I will use Merit or Meridian for season long control and hopefully control some other pests, like atenius at the same time.

- James Bade  
Somerset Country Club, Mendota Heights

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We have seen them on this property for about eight years. They showed up in MN Dept. of Ag traps placed on the golf course. At that time, 16 beetles was the max found in a trap. In 2003 and 2004 we placed traps in several locations on the property to get a handle on population numbers. Traps were overflowing but damage to turfgrass was negligible. In 2006, we sprayed hot spots totaling approximately 5 acres with Dylox. Adult popu-



*Japanese Beetles at Hillcrest Golf Course of St. Paul*

lations were highly visible and very abundant across the golf course during the summer of 2007. We sprayed approximately 50 acres of greens, green surrounds, tees, tee surrounds, bunker surrounds, fairways and irrigated rough with Arena insecticide. We feel yearly insecticide applications will be necessary in the immediate future.

- Paul Diegnau, CGCS  
Keller Golf Course, St. Paul

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I have seen the Japanese beetle at Hillcrest for seven years. The past three seasons we have treated the beetles and sprayed about 60 acres; this past summer we started injecting our lindens and birches with great success, killing thousands of beetles.



- Thomas Schmidt  
Hillcrest Golf Course of St. Paul

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We have observed Japanese beetles on the golf course since the late 1990's. In the summer of 2001 we reached our threshold and treated the first year with Mach II. After an unsuccessful kill, the following year, in early July of 2002, we treated 40 acres of rough with Merit. Merit gave us excellent control and we have not had the need to treat since that application. Last summer we did observe some higher than desired grub counts in the fall. We will be closely monitoring the situation this year. I am expecting that we will need to make an application on 10-20 acres. If and when we make that application, we will shoot for the first week of July so we can extend our control into the fall.

- Jeff Johnson  
The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis

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## Japanese Beetles-

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At Dellwood Hills Golf Club we have not seen any Japanese beetles. - Eric H. Peterson, Dellwood Hills Golf Club, White Bear Lake

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Currently, there are no Japanese beetles wandering the course. - Kevin Clunis, CGCS, Tanners Brook Golf Course, Forest Lake

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I have not seen any Japanese beetles since I have been here at Medina. - Drew Larsen, Medina Golf & Country Club, Medina

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Have not seen them at Emily Greens in Emily, 35 miles NE of Brainerd. - Gregg Gamble, Emily Greens Golf Course, Emily

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We have never seen a Japanese beetle up here in Amery Wisconsin, thus we never treat for them. When I worked at Stillwater Country Club we had tons of jap beetles, and this was five years ago. We treated for them and I believe they still do. Approx. 25-30 A. - Jeff Gajdostik, The Amery Golf Club, Amery, Wis.

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We have not seen the Japanese beetle here at Island View Golf Club in Waconia. - Kurt Knox, Island View Country Club, Waconia



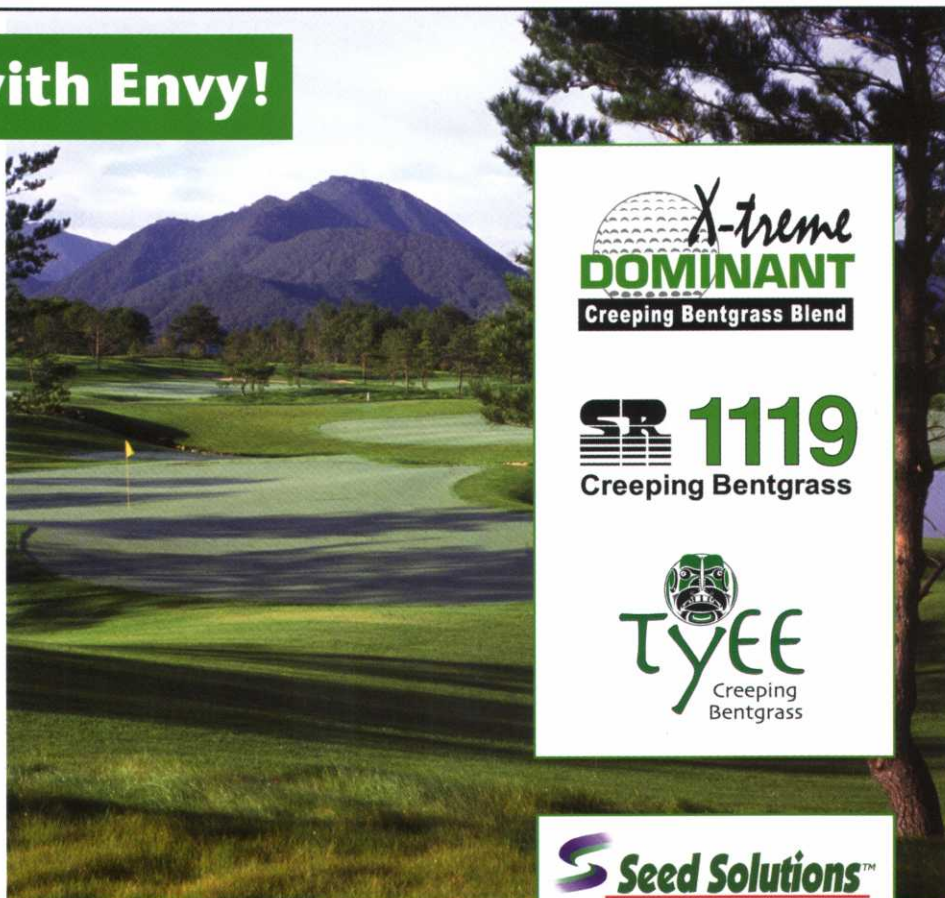
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