

PEER-TO-PEER: BETTER TURF THROUGH NETWORKING

*MGCSA members were asked:
Considering the incredible snow mold pressure we've experienced
this past winter ... what worked well for you?*

In Crosslake, there are no pictures to show, because we had no snow mold on our greens (the only place I spray for snow mold). Tank mixed labeled rates of chlorothalinalol, Iprodione, PCNB, and Propiconazole. Applied mid-November. Max snow depth was 18" this winter. Greens were free of snow by March 13. Lots of vole damage to fairways, just looks bad early in the season but does not kill the grass. I would say there were 10 times the number of voles this year compared to any other year I can remember.

- Mike Stone
Crosswoods Golf Course
Crosslake

At St. Cloud Country Club: 10 oz pcnb Fairways, - Greens = 8 oz pcnb + 6 oz daconil + 4 oz chipco. tees 8 oz pcnb + 6 oz daconil. Absolutely clean.

- Dan Hanson
St. Cloud Country Club

At Birnamwood, we used Instrata at 11 oz on November 2 and then put down 6 oz of PCNB on Dec 2. No snow mold anywhere that was sprayed.

- Dan Hill
Birnamwood Golf Course
Burnsville

At Somerset, we used 9 oz/thousand of Instrata on tees and greens. Some of our tees are a little wider than our sprayer so you can see how well the fungicide

worked.

On fairways we used 7.5 ounces/thousand of PCNB followed (two weeks later) with an application of either Daconil or Chipco at labeled snow mold rates.

We came through fairly well except where the sprayer may have missed a spot. Whatever worked for you this year should be the ticket.

- James Bade
Somerset Country Club
Mendota Heights

At Owatonna, I found that any Turf treated with Instrata suffered very little Snow Mold Damage.

- Steven A. Van Natta CGCS, CPH
Owatonna Country Club

For tees and greens at **Bluff Creek** we were at 8 oz PCNB, 4 oz Iprodione, 5 oz chlorothalonil. No signs of snow mold.

For fairways we were at 9.5 oz PCNB only and had a large amount of breakthrough in the lower wetter areas.

- Mike Cohrs
Bluff Creek Golf Course
Chaska

At the Meadows, we applied Instrata @ 9 oz / m ft 2 to our fairways and 11 oz / m ft 2 to our greens and tees the 2nd week of November last Fall. All bentgrass turf is free of snowmold this Spring except one small area on the third fairway that was missed during last Fall's application,

which was covered with snowmold after the snow melt. Instrata has worked extremely well for us the past 5 years.

- Pete Nolan
The Meadows at Mystic Lake
Prior Lake



SPOONER GOLF CLUB

Above, you can clearly see where the remainder in the spray tank was sprayed out on rough. The other photo is a forward tee box that was inadvertently left untreated.

At Spooner, I saw excellent protection on greens and tees with Instrata at 11oz./1000. Slight to moderate breakout on fairways with PCNB at 10oz. and Daconil at 5.5oz. I also made a granular application of Fungicide IX (chloroneb) to greens at 1.9lbs/1000 as soon as the snow melted. In the above photos, you can clearly see where the remainder in the spray tank was sprayed out on rough. The other photo is a forward tee box that was inadvertently left untreated.

- Eric Ritter
Spooners Golf Club
Spooners, WI



Somerset Country Club's tee is getting checked out.

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Here at **Tanners Brook**, we continue to use the standard 3-way product combination of PCNB, Chlorothalnil, and Iprodione. Over the years we have used the off patent products without any noticeable decrease in control. The rates this past winter were 4oz Iprodione, 4 oz Chlorothalnil and 6 oz PCNB. It was interesting to note that On our 18th fairway where we sprayed out left over material and rinsate that we had control of snow mold that was very acceptable.

- Kevin Clunis CGCS
Tanners Brook Golf Course
Forest Lake

At **New Richmond**, we sprayed 6oz. of PCNB, 4oz. of Iprodione, 6oz. of Clorothalonil on greens, tees and approaches. There was little or no break-through. The only problem we had was under the green we covered with the Green Jacket.

Our fairways were sprayed with just PCNB at 8oz. There were some fairways that had some break-through of grays and pinks. Our guess is less than 5% but many of those areas were on higher areas with good drainage.

- Tom Johnson
New Richmond Golf Club
New Richmond, WI

Being on a tight budget last year at **Eastwood Golf Course** we used 12 oz/pcnb and 5 oz teremec per thousand. Where we treated we have no snow mold at all. Untreated areas did not fair so well.

- Jeff Minske
Eastwood Golf Course
Rochester

When I received the Peer-to-Peer e-mail today I was excited to have the opportunity to respond with my input for the first time. My name is Josh Kravik and I am the Assistant Superintendent at **Viking Meadows Golf Club** in Cedar, Minnesota. Last fall I made a single spray application of Instrata and Transfilm to the greens and tee boxes. Our greens and tee boxes are very nearly snow mold free this spring! Our fairways, not being treated, have lots of snow mold. To the right are some pictures that I took while traveling the course.

- Josh Kravik
Assistant Superintendent
Viking Meadows Golf Club

PHOTOS FROM VIKING MEADOWS



Snow mold in the bluegrass 10th fairway.
The slope shown faces south.



12th fairway taken from beside the green.



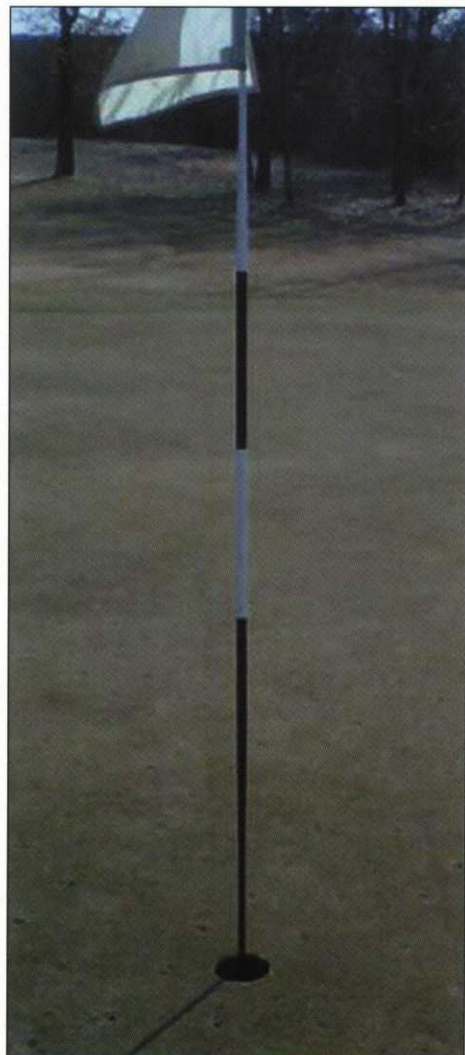
Snow mold near valve cover in the low-lying 15th fairway.



Clear cut difference between sprayed and unsprayed approach of 2nd hole on the executive course.

At **Black Bear Golf and Tennis** in Minong, WI I used Tartan at 2 oz and Daconil at 5 oz. Greens and tees came out beautifully and opened on March 15! Lots of snow mold on untreated bluegrass fairways.

Below, typical fairway snow mold at Black Bear Golf and Tennis Club.



The greens and tees came through beautifully at Black Bear Golf and Tennis Club.