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At the rate of 1/4 lb/acre for each application. This has cut back the discoloration from the TGR. My plan for next year is to use Cutless spring and summer and TGR in the fall.

For my fungicide program, I would spray 0.25 oz/m Banner plus 1.5 oz/m 2787; wait three weeks and spray with 0.25 oz/m Banner plus 0.25 oz/m Bayleton; wait three weeks again. This was my main diet of spraying. I went once with a full rate of 2787, 6 oz/m, and once with a full rate of 26019, 4 oz/m, just to give some variation. My main spray applications were these very light rates and the results were great, also a big savings in the chemical budget. Spraying for pythium was done preventively during July and August using Subdue and Banol at the recommended rates.

One other thing I did was hire two full-time people to do nothing but fill in fairway divots. For the year, 40 tons of topdressing mix has been used specifically for this purpose. I felt the added cost was more than beneficial as it helped keep the fairways level and provided a better atmosphere for the bentgrass to fill over and keep out unwanted weeds. Dimension was applied the first week of May for crabgrass control. I feel Dimension will give me flexibility in the aerating program which will be not to aerate this fall in hopes of cutting down on the 

Now, I’m not preaching that bentgrass is the best turfgrass for fairways. There are many factors to consider and bentgrass may not be for every club or golf course. But bentgrass is gaining popularity in the Mid-Atlantic and I am pleased with its performance at Queenstown. I’m sure in years to come we will still be debating which is the best fairway turfgrass.

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