Kevin’s Temporary Greens Formula

Each winter Sparrows Point moves to temporary greens. Here’s how Kevin prepares them.

**Location:** Level area of approach or green surround. Choose driest area possible. Because of the potential for wet conditions in winter, the temporary should be placed on the side closest to cart path.

**Size:** 1,000 to 1,200 sq. feet

**Installation:** Aerate with greensaire; remove cores; broadcast ryegrass seed at 12-15 lbs/1,000 sq. feet; groove seed with matabay two directions, top dress until holes are filled; drag with steel mat; roll with fairway roller pulled by Cushman approximately 400-lb. weight; fertilize with a starter fertilizer—3/4 lb. N, 11 lb. P, 3/4 lb K.

**Maintenance:** Mow with walking greensmower at 1/4” as needed; roll with fairway roller twice a week; light top dressing every three weeks.

**Other:** Use Standard Golf’s special event 8” cup. It is helpful if you drill four or five holes in bottom so water will drain out.

- If possible, place all tee markers on blue tee. This adds the distance lost at the green and wear is concentrated on tee that is used the least during the season.
- Top dressing and lower height of cut make the greens stand out with a dark green color compared to surrounding dormant turf.
- Rolling on a regular basis is the key to members’ satisfaction with the temporaries.
- If you want to sell the membership on temporary greens, give them a smooth putting surface all winter. The temps, with constant attention, will actually putt better than regulation ones under winter conditions.