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Covering Greens for Winter

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After learning of Du Pont's relatively new green cover Reemay at the GCSAA Convention I decided to purchase some and try an experiment on one of our problem greens. In the early part of February we had a warm spell and the snow cover melted on our test green. On February 13th we spiked and seeded the bare areas on the green. It was then covered with the Reemay mat.

We waited until the last possible day before taking the mat off. When we took the mat off on April 9th the green was growing and filling in. The seed had germinated and was starting to grow. The soil temperature on the covered green was 62 degrees and on the rest of the greens it was about 47 degrees. The covered green had about 3/8"-1/2" of growth and a very green color. I feel the green is a good two weeks ahead of the rest of our greens.

I felt the Reemay mat performed very well for us. There was no more Snow Mold on the covered green than any other green, but the seed germinated earlier and the turf started to fill in. It also gave our membership something nice and green to look at in anticipation of the summer to come.



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