



Charles Anfield, CGCS, *Heritage Bluffs Golf Course*

## What Worked for You?

Every golf season is a little different than the last. There are new technologies to try, new techniques to implement and new tools available to try to improve overall turfgrass performance. Of course, the weather and rainfall events are different everywhere, every year.

The weather down the street can be much different than at your golf course. Everybody is looking for an “edge” to help their turf get through the season. I queried a number of our MAGCS Members about what worked and what didn’t work for them at their golf courses.

Bob Kohstedt: Fox Bend Golf Course “Prime Turf Renew Acid worked really well for us. We have salts in our irrigation supply water that bind up the nutrients. It has a penetrant that helps push water through the soil profile. It has really helped reduce our localized dry spots. We inject it through the irrigation system. What didn’t work so well was using 5/8” tines to remove cores on the greens. The holes didn’t heal in as well I expected and this slowed down the recovery time.”

Andy Weadge: Morris Country Club “We did a lot of tree and brush removal work on our tree lines. This really helped with our air movement and improved some of the turf quality in some of our more challenging microclimates. Our insecticide application for grubs didn’t work so well.”

Jeff Hoste: Village Greens of Woodridge “Optimizer worked good for us this year. Our insecticide application was not effective.”

John Gurke, CGCS: Aurora Country Club “ Clipper pond herbicide worked great in our ponds! In retrospect what didn’t work great was I should have cut down our emerald ash borer infested trees last winter. They died during the season and looked terrible.”

Chuck Barber: St. Charles Country Club “Cutless worked great for us. I liked the response we got on our turf. I tried some

of the new chemistry, disease control products and wasn’t impressed.”



*Some applications for grub control missed the mark this year.*

Todd Schmitz: Phillips Park Golf Course “I sprayed an insecticide on the fairways that worked well. I was surprised that the granular application I made in the rough did not work as well.

Dave Ward: Coyote Run Golf Course “Everything worked, it was an easy year. In particular, the bio-solids worked well on our fairways and rough. We reduced mowing on our greens and didn’t see any loss of green speed. Secure fungicide worked great!”

Doug Davis: Flag Creek Golf Course “We saved a lot of time with our new Salsco Roll n Go. There is no trailer, so no slow

down with unloading and loading machine. Our grub control applications did not work as well as I would have hoped."

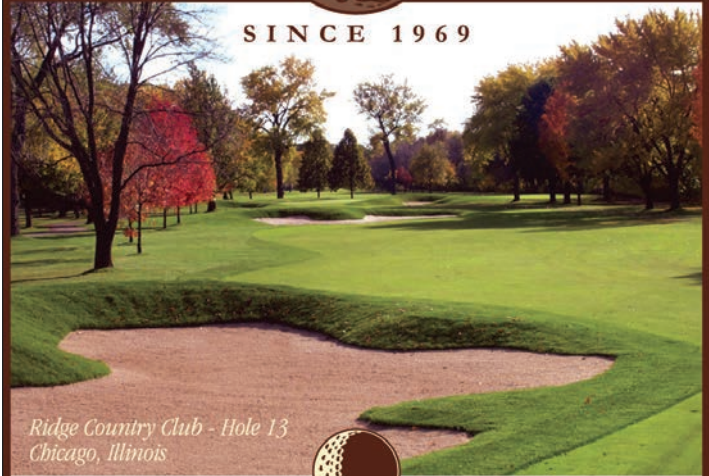
Chuck Anfield, CGCS: Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Club "Our Toro Procore 648 worked great to go out once a month with 3/8" solid tines. Our root development on our greens during the summer has never been better. I too, was a little disappointed in our grub control. I spoke with Dr. Rob Golembiewski (Bayer Turf Solution Team) at the October MAGCS Meeting about this. He indicated these grub control products need a lot of water (minimum .5") immediately or soon after the application to get the product into the soil. Anything less and the product will "hang up" in the thatch. 

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