



# Central Florida Crowfoots



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What is old Man Winter doing? We only wish we knew. The last few winters have been the most unpredictable overseeding periods we have ever seen. Each year we look at the dates on which we overseeded greens and tees and look at our stand of rye and wonder if we should go earlier or later or on the same dates.

We face a never-ending battle against "Mother Nature" and water restrictions. Our membership must share information on successful overseeding. In the case of unsuccessful overseeding, they need to know why it happened and how to correct it next year.

Here are the comments and ideas of some of our Central Florida superintendents on this years overseeding and their plans of for next year.

### **Gary Morgan, Superintendent, Spruce Creek Golf Club, Daytona Beach:**

- I. Over seeded greens Nov. 2 & 3 using PhD + Sabre (40% Derby, 40% Regal, 20% Sabre) at a rate of 30 lbs./1000.
- II. Overseeded tees Nov. 4 & 5 using Derby 100% at a rate of 20 lbs./1000.
- III. Overseeded Roughs Nov. 9-13 using Internationals-Showboat Mix (60% Derby -40% Annual Rye) at a rate of 300 lbs./A.

### **COMMENTS**

- I. Greens: excellent germination and excellent surface at present. No change for next year except possibly a smaller percentage of Sabre (10-15%).
- II. Tees: excellent surface — no change.
- III. Roughs: Poor germination due to cold weather. We had two frosts, an average low temperature of 39° and an average high of 78° from Nov. 15-19. There was a

warm spell around Christmas time that helped germinate the seed that didn't come in during November. Next year I will seed the Roughs before the greens and tees to take advantage of the warmer weather.

### **Jim Ellison, Superintendent, The Bayhill Club and Lodge, Orlando:**

- I. Overseeded greens: Nov. 2 & 3 using 60% Pennfine, 25% Jamestown Fescue and 15% Sabre at a rate of 30 lbs./1000.
- II. Overseeded Tees: Nov. 4 & 5 using Yorktown II 100% at a rate of 25 lbs./1000.
- III. Overseeded Roughs Nov. 15 using Yorktown II at a rate of 275 lbs./A.

### **COMMENTS**

- I. Greens: excellent germination and will have greens at 5/32" then 1/8". Very pleased with this year's results and have no plans to change next year.
- II. Tees: excellent germination and will not change next year.
- III. Roughs: came in slow but are in excellent shape as of February 15. Will not change next year.

### **Dwight Singo, Superintendent, Big Cypress Golf Club:**

- I. Greens overseeded: front nine Nov. 16, back nine Nov. 23 using Celebrity & Sabre (33% Derby, 33% Pennfine, 33% Regal by weight and 15% Sabre by weight at a rate of 25 lbs./1000.
- II. Overseeded tees: front nine Nov. 17, back nine Nov. 24 using Celebrity (same mix as on the greens) at a rate of 14 lbs./1000.

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**COMMENTS**

- I. Greens: some localized problems with germination. These areas are the same year to year. Greens are in excellent shape as of February 15, but germinated very slow due to cold weather from the middle of November through Christmas. Will probably use the same mix next year, but will try to seed during the first two weeks of November to take advantage of warmer weather.
- II. Tees: same conditions as greens except no localized problems. Will overseed during the first two weeks of November next year.

**Danny Aylinin, Superintendent, New Smyrna Beach Golf Club:**

- I. Overseeded greens Nov. 9 & 10 using Marvelgreen (33% Yorktown II, 33% Pennfine, 33% Diplomat) at a rate of 30 lbs./1000.
- II. Tees overseeded Nov. 16 & 17 using Common Rye 100% at a rate of 15 lbs./1000.

**COMMENTS**

- I. Tees and greens: not as successful as last three years. Slow germination due to cold weather through Christmas. Will use same seeding blend, but will probably seed in last week of October to get the help of the warmer weather and to try to beat the vacationers.
- II. Tees: good germination but slightly worn out due to over 300 Rounds per day. Will use same seed next year but will seed the first week of November.

**Joe Sagan, Superintendent, Country Club of Orlando:**

- I. Overseeded greens Nov. 16 & 17 using Marvelgreen (33% Pennfine, 33% Yorktown, 33% Derby) at a rate of 25 lbs./1000.
- II. Overseeded tees Nov. 18 & 19 using Marvelgreen (same % as greens mix) at a rate of 10-12 lbs./1000.

**COMMENTS**

- I. Greens: 50-60% germination throughout seeding period due to cold weather. Will use same seed next year but will probably seed during the last week of October for the warm weather and a Member-Guest Tournament.
- II. Tees: same germination as greens. Will use same seed as this years but will probably seed during the first week of November.

Almost everyone will be seeding earlier next year to take advantage of the warmer weather. Let's hope that it doesn't stay warm enough to keep the Bermuda growing and crowd out the Ryegrass. ■