PennLinks at OGA Members Club

Kirk Kundrick, Superintendent on 14th green OGA Members Course at Tukwila Woodburn, Oregon July, 2001 William G. Robinson, Architect

A lot of things can happen in seven years—but *Poa annua* in my PennLinks is not one of them.

"For one, I was a younger man when I was grow-in superintendent at the OGA Members Course at Tukwila. Now, I'm married, have two dogs, a cast on my foot, our course has a beautiful new clubhouse, and we've had more than 300,000 rounds played on our PennLinks greens since we opened in August, 1994.

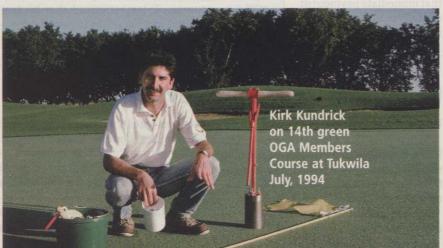
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Our crew has managed to control *Poa annua* in our greens even though our public course is surrounded with hazelnut orchards where annual bluegrass thrives under the canopy of trees. To start with, PennLinks is a strong variety with good recovery from daily scars and wounds. When managed consistently with a balanced fertility program, and by aerifying in late May and mid-September—after *Poa annua* backs off the seeding stage—we can keep the nuisance grass in check. We've observed that alternative spikes don't disturb the putting surface, thus providing and ideal seedbed like steel spikes will. When *Poa annua* does occur in our greens, crew members



remove the individual plants with tools we've adapted for the job; like a sharpened screwdriver, weed cutter, and a plugger for stubborn plants. Collars are the buffer between the surrounds and the greens, and have some *Poa annua* growing in them. I plan to re-sod the collars this year to start afresh and stop the threat of encroachment.

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I may not look as young as I did seven years ago, but our PennLinks greens do. Now if I could get rid of this cast and control those geese, all would be well."

Kirk Kundrick CGCS, Supt.



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> e green," he noted, ause you get more towards to green, abrategy is, don't always play

depending on what the wind is doing. The wind can be quite fierce."

It's no easy task to pick out a signature hole on the Torrance Course, Griffiths said. His personal invorite, however, in the 14th, which plays to the set. A abot that rolls off the back of the green will plunge down the cliff and into the driak.

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