Hole of the

Hole 16 | Ballantyne Resort | Charlotte, N.C.

Month

Hole Stats Distance: 195 yards Par 3

The Turf

Green: L93 bentgrass Fairway: 419 bermudagrass The Carolinas are renowned for great golf resorts. Touted by PGA Magazine as a "Great Golf Resort of the World" the year the course opened in 1998, Ballantyne Resort is a public, par-71, five-star championship golf course set in the Ballantyne community of south Charlotte.

The elevated tee box on the 195-yard, par-3 16th hole gives players a vantage point to view the entire layout of the rolling, tree-lined course. The left greenside bunker creates a challenging back left pin loca-

> tion that forces many shots to the center of the green, making the hole one of Ballantyne's most memorable feats.

Golf course superintendent Paul Stroman coordinates a maintenance staff of 12 to manage the 6,700 yards of turf and the challenges posed by 35,000 annual golf rounds.

"Our cultural practices are backed up with careful consideration when choosing fungicides to maintain and enhance our L93 bentgrass greens," said Stroman. "Insignia fungicide has become a reliable product in our fungicide program when we're faced with pythium pressure."

Ballantyne began using Insignia in the spring and fall of 2005, after

the identification of a southeastern pythium root disfunction disease that can result in poor performance and bentgrass decline in the summer months. Insignia is now the primary fungicide used on greens to prevent pythium root disfunction.

"As a 28-day product, Insignia has provided the prevention of this root-inhibiting fungi and also suppresses brown patch, which are two primary concerns when managing bentgrass greens in the Southeastern region," said Stroman.

Insignia® fungicide is effective against a broad spectrum of turf diseases with long-term results and residual



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