## Hole of the

▶ Hole #2 | Bidermann Golf Course | Wilmington, Delaware

## Month

## **Hole Stats**

**Distance:** 488 yards Par 5

## The Turf

Green: A1/A4 Bentgrass Fairway: Bentgrass/ Poa annua mix Bidermann Golf Course opened in 1965 after founding member George Weymouth and owner of Winterthur estate Henry F. du Pont agreed to expand upon the estate's 9-hole golf course. The course was rebuilt using six of the existing green sites by architect Dick Wilson and sits prominently on the Winterthur Museum & Country Estate. Named after du Pont's accountant, Antoine Bidermann, the course joined the Vicmead Hunt Club in 1977 to offer a full-service country club to members.

"We strive to present our members and their guests with the most complete golf experience in the Delaware Valley," says golf course superintendent Jon Urbanski. Bidermann's second hole is the first par 5 of the course with a landing area shortly beyond the first set of fairway bunkers. The hole is well-guarded with three greenside bunkers and is bordered by native fescue roughs.

Urbanski and his crew of 22 supplement pesticide applications with cultural controls such as topdressing, aerification and needle tining of the greens to manage regional disease pressures.

The course experiences increased dollar spot pressure in late April and again in late September. To prevent outbreaks, Urbanski applies Emerald® fungicide on tees and fairways as his first and last fungicide application of the season.

Twenty of the 70 maintained acres of roughs and 50 acres of native meadow roughs are not treated with pre-emergent herbicide and are highly susceptible to crabgrass infestation. Urbanski's crew mixes Drive® herbicide with a spray adjuvant and applies it at 16 ounces per acre with a boom sprayer to control breakthroughs.

"Drive is our number one crabgrass postemergent control for roughs," says Urbanski. "The crabgrass wilts and dies after a few days and control is achieved with a single application." To see past Holes of the Month, download a

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