



Since 1990, The Founders 18-hole championship course, designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr., has consistently ranked among the best modern golf courses in the nation. But actions speak louder than awards for Chenal Country Club's private members and course crew who have taken joint responsibility for sustaining the healthy greens and fairways.

Two years ago, head superintendent Jed Spencer

began hosting a Golf Course Open House, sponsored by the Greens Committee, to educate the club's members about the science, process and products that go into keeping turf in excellent playing shape. Spencer teaches members turf-care basics, including how to properly repair divots and ball marks.

He also touches upon plant pathology, explaining how problematic pest pressure may kill their golf scores — especially when a challenge like The Founders Hole No. 11 is already a bogey trap.

"No. 11 really signifies what The Founders course is about," Spencer said. "Its natural areas around the green are scenic while a demanding ridge and three bunkers speak to the discipline and precision required to sink the shot."

When a pythium outbreak hit The Founders Course's greens, Spencer turned to Insignia® fungicide for broadspectrum control and curative knockdown. He incorporates Insignia in his rotation every 28 days during summer months at a rate of 0.9 ounces per 1,000 square feet.

"For the past two years, Insignia has been a great staple for us for new, emerging diseases and hard-to-diagnose pythium strands," Spencer said. "Insignia suppresses and cures nagging outbreaks, helping us keep all our bases covered."

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