

# Hole of the

▶ Hole No. 12 | West Seattle Golf Course | Seattle, WA





# Month

## Hole Stats

Distance: 515 yards

Par 5

## The Turf

Greens: Poa annua

Fairways: Poa annua,  
Bentgrass, Ryegrass and  
Annual Bluegrass mixture

Recognized as one of the Northwest's best municipal courses, West Seattle Golf Course's bunkered greens, tree-lined fairways and meandering creek have enhanced the urban landscape for 70 years.

Longfellow Creek guards No. 12's first 300 yards on the right, while fairway bunkers line the left. An elevated, back-to-front sloping green creates a blind chip shot that's tough to land. "Hole 12 can be a heartbreaker," said superintendent John Price, who's worked at the course for 25 years. "The drive needs to thread the tight corridor of trees as it crosses Longfellow Creek — a slight error in either direction results in a big number."

West Seattle GC's urban location sets it apart from traditional courses, but the proximity also impacts maintenance decisions. As an entity of the city park system, the course is subject to pesticide reduction and maintenance restrictions enacted in 1999.

"We've worked with partners, including BASF, to create a low-use pest management program that offers exceptional performance while meeting our environmental needs," Price said. "BASF products and advice help us make cost-saving, yet efficacious improvements that are essential to our course's existence."

Trinity® fungicide helps Price control his biggest disease threat — anthracnose — caused by cold, wet conditions. Price applies Trinity preventively in May and June at the 1.0 ounce per 1,000 square feet rate with an additional application in early November using 0.5 ounces per 1,000 square feet.

"I'm very confident in Trinity's performance and chemistry," Price said. "Our intense monitoring shows Trinity does its job without impacting off-target aspects of our course."

Price proactively communicates the course's cultural and chemical practices to golfers and community members. "Our whole industry needs openness," he said. "I lead public forums on the science behind responsible chemistries and recent innovations used to keep turf healthy. These forums reassure the public that we're not engaged in irresponsible pesticide use and West Seattle is better off because of our open approach."

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