

Hole of the

▶ Hole No. 18 | Marshfield Country Club | Marshfield, MA



Month

Hole Stats

Distance: 406 yards

Par 4

The Turf

Fairways: *Poa* Bentgrass

Greens: South German Bentgrass & *Poa Annua*

Tees: *Poa* Bentgrass

Roughs: Bluegrass

Designed by architect Wayne Stiles during American golf's Golden Age in the 1920s and 1930s, Marshfield Country Club is as challenging now as it was during the days of Bobby Jones. Despite total yardage of only 6,295 from the back tees, the club's subtle slopes and superb turf conditions demand a solid, no-frills golf strategy.

"Our private members are here to play serious golf," said superintendent Tom Harrington, who's worked at the club for five years. "With 17 original greens, our crew of 20 works diligently to preserve Marshfield's heritage landscape."

Steep slopes, scenic tree lines and manicured turf comprise hole 18's signature finish. Players aim high during the approach to land on the elevated green. The true test is making the shot stick instead of rolling out of par on the severe, front-to-back sloped green.

"Our members are particular about how we maintain the level of play," Harrington said. "They even dictate when major maintenance can be done. We're very serious about preventing disease from interfering with play and aesthetics."

Harrington began using Trinity[®] fungicide last year to prevent summer patch's straw-like dead spots from tainting turf. "To select the best fungicide for our fairways, I conducted side-by-side tests using several different chemical combinations," he said. "Trinity definitely provided the best control and was the least expensive."

Harrington sprays preventive applications of Trinity at a rate of 0.1 ounces per 1,000 square feet three times a year. "I'm getting 20 days of control with Trinity on my 23 fairway acres," he said. "We're saving time and spending less than half of what we used to."



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