

Hole of the

▶ Hole No. 13 | The Rim Golf Club | Payson, AZ



Month

Hole Stats

Distance: 581 yards
Par 5

The Turf

Fairway: Ryegrass and
Kentucky bluegrass
Green: Providence bentgrass

At 5,000 feet above sea level, The Rim Golf Club is not your typical Arizona course. Most of the state's courses are surrounded by sand, cacti and arid conditions with low turfgrass disease pressure. The Rim faces mountain conditions that torment its turf, including snow, oppressive heat, elk stampedes and torrential rains.

"People don't expect our course to face much turf disease because Arizona is dry," said Justin Ruiz, the course's certified superintendent. "But weather conditions often create perfect storms that create lingering, humid heat and disease pressure."

Ruiz, who's worked at The Rim for four years, controls disease in this unique climate using preventive applications of Trinity[®] and Insignia[®] fungicides. "I begin applications in spring to protect against what's going to hit," he said. "Heat stress begins in May, then streams of monsoon-like rain pour across the course from July to August."

Ruiz guards against summer patch from late April to August using Trinity at 2 ounces per 1,000 square feet 28 days apart. "The disease wiped out entire fairways in the past, so it's crucial we get ahead of the danger," he said. "Trinity definitely does its job to carry us through the summer patch threat."

To relieve turfgrass stress on The Rim's greens, Ruiz applies Insignia at 0.9 ounces per 1,000 square feet. "During our wet season, Insignia protects against a broad spectrum of diseases," he said. "Preventive applications give us thorough control to the point that we do not see disease outbreaks."

By keeping the turf disease-free, Trinity and Insignia allow golfers to focus on their game and hole 13's surrounding scenery, including a mammoth rock formation called "The Elephant Rock."

"Club members are noticing the difference in turf quality," Ruiz said.

"We've gotten a lot of compliments this year. They are amazed by how healthy the turf is."

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