

Hole of the

▶ Hole No. 17 | The Links at Groveport | Groveport, Ohio



Month

Hole Stats

Distance: 385 yards

Par 4

The Turf

Fairways: Creeping Bentgrass and Ryegrass mixtures

Once a private country club, The Links at Groveport dropped its exclusivity in 2005 when it was bought by the Village of Groveport, Ohio. Now a public course, The Links has lower green fees but maintains high turf-standards.

"First-time players to our course equal first impressions," said Jeff Parker, superintendent at The Links for five years. "I worried that the increasing goosegrass and yellow nutsedge on our fairways would blemish our reputation."

Fairways are a focal point at hole 17. The 385-yard, par-4 hole has a slight dog-leg right that requires golfers to hit their drives between two small ponds that line the fairway.

"Repeat golf car traffic stresses the fairway turf, allowing weeds to move in and spread," said Parker. "I worried what new golfers would think about the weeds in the fairways."

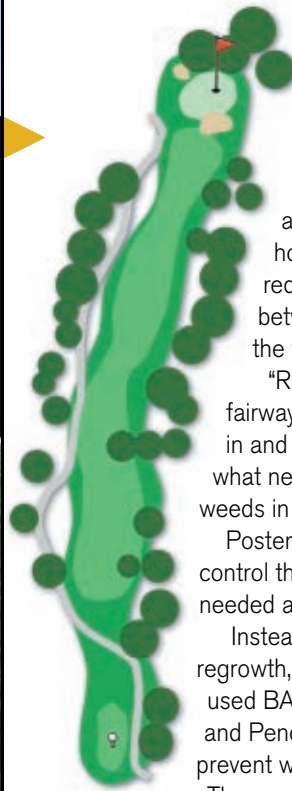
Postemergent applications seemed to control the weeds, but they came back. "I needed a long-term solution," Parker said.

Instead of watching and waiting for regrowth, Parker and his 12-person crew used BASF's new pre-emergent Tower® and Pendulum® AquaCap™ herbicides to prevent weeds from reappearing.

They applied Pendulum AquaCap at a rate of 1.6 ounces per 1,000 square feet the third week of April, followed by a split application of Tower at 0.5 ounces per 1,000 square feet in late May and late June.

"Four months after our first Tower application, we're still getting yellow nutsedge control," Parker said. "BASF's pre-emergent program is keeping our fairways clean and is an excellent new tool in our battle against weed pressure."

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