## WE ASKED GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS HOW THEY LIKED... PENNCROSS Creeping BENTGRASS

## HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID . . .

Poa Annua has moved into our fairways but the Penncross greens have been able to withstand the invasion of the Poa Annua. I believe Penncross under proper care is the only grass in our area that can compete with Poa Annua. At the present time we have no Poa Annua in our tees or greens and the golf course is three years old. When we first developed our course we used some Penncross sod on two of our greens and this sod had Poa Annua but in two years with proper management we now have eliminated the Poa Annua. Penncross just took over.

Edwin V. Murphy Oglebay Park, Wheeling, W. Va. Speidel Golf Course Crespen Golf Course

Since we are located in the transition zone, summers are hot with conditions ideal for diseases and weed pests. Our maintenance program supplies about 8-9 lbs. of N/1,000 sq. ft. per year along with a minimum amount of fungicides every 14 days. Even though we have heavy play, and are located in perhaps the most difficult area of the U.S. to grow grass, and give our greens minimum maintenance, Penncross has held up very well now through three seasons with little or no crabgrass, poa annua invasion and excellent putting turf.

Lavern L.Wernett, Sup't Kanawha County Parks & Recreation Charleston, West Virginia I am the Senior Golf Course Supervisor for the City of Santa Barbara, California. I would like to tell you about the changeover at the City Municipal 18-hole golf course and the four lawn bowling greens that are located within the city. In the past I have been overseeding the seaside bent greens with Penncross Bentgrass, and have achieved excellent results. I had always felt that golfers were the hardest people to provide good turf for, but when it comes to lawn bowlers it is even more of a challenge.

Robert L. Steele Santa Barbara, California Santa Barbara Community Golf Course

Here is the great part — In October, 1971, we sowed 14 pounds of Penncross Creeping Bentgrass, putting green quality, to the acre (saved a lot of money here—8-9,000,000 seeds go a long way! Better than 250 seeds per square foot). Grass was up in five to seven days, thick and beautiful; course was playable on Memorial Day, 1972. It was perfectly super on July 4th. We received many fine compliments from players, visitors, pros, and the superintendents were amazed at the lush quality of the turf. We were the talk of the area. The Penncross improved with age.

Andy Birtoni Northville, Michigan Holly Greens

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