When Joe Hamilton, Owner of Lake Spivey Golf Club near Atlanta decided to renovate all 27 greens, he wanted to do nine holes at a time. After lots of research and many discussions, he took the suggestion of Dr. Milt Engelke of Texas A&M and tried Crenshaw Creeping Bentgrass. The first nine holes were done in September 1991.

"We're a high-volume, middle-maintenance operation with about 60,000 rounds a year. This past summer was the hottest, driest summer Atlanta has experienced. But those nine holes that were renovated with Crenshaw two years ago did so well, they were the healthiest, best greens in Atlanta.

"We monitored those nine against the older Penncross greens and there simply was no comparison. Crenshaw is so much more dense and upright than any other bent we know of. There's so little problem with disease or wilt. Its color and putting characteristics are so superior and it wards off bermuda encroachment.

"Doing the second nine holes in September of '93 was an easy decision. And we'll do the last nine with Crenshaw next fall without question.

"I'll tell you, after seeing the vigor and excellent performance of Crenshaw here at Lake Spivey, it really makes the older bents look like dinosaurs. Crenshaw really moved us into the present, new world of bentgrasses."

Joe Hamilton.

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