



SHARK
CREEPING BENTGRASS

SUPERINTENDENT FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE

- GREENS - FAIRWAYS - TEES
- DENSE UNIFORM SURFACE
- EXCELLENT HEAT PERFORMANCE
- AGGRESSIVE ESTABLISHMENT
- IMPROVED DISEASE RESISTANCE
- NORMAL MAINTENANCE

Shark creeping bentgrass (*Agrostis palustris*) is a next generation 8 clone variety developed from persistent plants collected from the Northeast and Southeast United States.

Spreading by stolons and tillers, it is aggressive and establishes quickly, with a semi-prostrate growth habit and tight density that produces an attractive uniform playing surface. Shark is moderately dark green in color and holds that color well into fall with no purpling. It exhibits improved disease resistance to brown patch and dollar spot diseases, as well as tolerance to wilt stresses. Shoot density and competitiveness against poa invasion is excellent. Shark is entered in both the current NTEP fairway/tee and putting green trials with excellent performance when measured against existing standards. It scores in the top overall quality grouping for both sand and soil greens, and at 1/8 in. or less cutting heights. The same can be said for fairway performance from California to the Northeast. Density and uniform playing surface, particularly under summer stress conditions, is a key attribute.

For greens, fairways, and tees, look to Shark.

It's the superintendent friendly creeping bentgrass that combines versatility with dependable performance.



CREeping BENTGRASS

TURF FACTS

PERFORMANCE ON GREENS

VARIETY	SAND	SOIL	1/8" CUT	LOW MAINTENANCE
Shark	6.3	6.4	6.1	6.9
Penn A-1	6.6	6.2	6.1	6.0
Pennlinks II	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.5
Penncross	5.1	5.2	5.1	4.9
Lsd	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5

NTEP 05-02, 2004 data. 1-9, 9 = highest quality.

Shark delivers consistent results on any green composition even under mowing levels of 1/8th inch or less. Trialed locations ranged from cool north to both dry and humid southerly sites.

PERSISTS THRU SUMMER STRESSES

	GREENS		FAIRWAYS/TEES	
	DENSITY	% COVER	DENSITY	% COVER
Shark	7.4	90.8	7.6	96.4
Penn A-1	7.3	93.2	----	----
Pennlinks II	6.3	85.2	6.8	94.2
Penncross	5.4	88.7	6.1	90.8
Penneagle II	----	----	7.1	94.1
L-93	----	----	6.6	94.9

Shark is rated No.1 in summer density and % ground cover. It persists, through summers' heat, humidity, and disease stress. Whether fairway or green, **Shark** provides an excellent playing surface that is both attractive and durable.

NTEP 05-01, 05-02, 2004 data. 1-9, 9 = highest density
---- not in trial.

RAPID ESTABLISHMENT

	% ESTABLISHMENT
Shark	77.2
Penncross	77.0
Penn A-1	75.5
Pennlinks II	73.9
SR7200	57.6

Shark is rated No. 1 for establishment and vigorously grows in to form a dense uniform stand that competes against poa incroachment and recuperates from divot injury and ball marks.

NTEP 05-02, 2004 data. 1-9, 9 = highest density. Selected varieties, including highest and lowest.

SEEDING New Seeding. At a rate of 1.0-1.5 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft., in two directions, and with soil temperatures ideally above 65 degrees. An extender like granular corn meal may improve uniformity. Insure solid seed to soil contact.

Interseeding. (To introduce a new variety into an existing stand.) After aerifying or verticutting, preferably several times at 1-4 oz. Per 1000 sq. ft. Fill core holes to 3/16in., seed, then topdress.

Winter Overseeding. For bermudagrass greens. Scalp, aerate, and/or verticut to insure seed to soil contact. Seed at 1 lb. per 1000 sq.ft.

MAINTENANCE Studies confirm that greens conversion from one cultivar to another is greatly enhanced by glyphosate treatment to kill all existing vegetation. However this is accompanied by a prolonged disruption in play. An alternate, interseeding, attempts to replace the existing stand with minimal play disruption. Because of the competitive advantage of the existing stand, multiple interseedings may be required to achieve maximum conversion.

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