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**SHARK**  
CREEPING BENTGRASS

**SUPERINTENDENT FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE**

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

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.

In both the NTEP fairway and putting green trials, Shark demonstrates performance that exceeds existing standard varieties. It ranks in the top quality grouping for both soil and sand greens, under less than 1/8" in. cut, and under reduced fungicides. 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.

**PERFORMANCE ON GREENS**

| VARIETY      | SAND       | SOIL       | 1/8" CUT   | LOW MAINTENANCE | REDUCED FUNGICIDES |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Shark</b> | <b>6.1</b> | <b>6.4</b> | <b>6.9</b> | <b>6.2</b>      | <b>6.8</b>         |
| Penn A-1     | 6.2        | 6.2        | 6.5        | 5.8             | 6.4                |
| Pennlinks II | 5.6        | 5.7        | 5.7        | 4.3             | 6.6                |
| Penncross    | 5.2        | 5.3        | 5.1        | 4.0             | 6.4                |
| Lsd          | 0.3        | 0.3        | 0.3        | 0.5             | 1.0                |

NTEP 07-04, 2006 Data. 1-9: 9 = highest quality

**Shark** delivers consistent results on any green composition even under mowing levels under 1/8th inch and reduced fungicides. Tried locations ranged from cool north to both dry and humid southerly sites.

**PERSISTS THRU SUMMER STRESSES**

|              | GREENS     |             | FAIRWAYS/TEES |             |
|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|              | DENSITY    | % COVER     | DENSITY       | % COVER     |
| <b>Shark</b> | <b>7.4</b> | <b>90.8</b> | <b>7.6</b>    | <b>96.4</b> |
| 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 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Shark</b> | <b>77.2</b>     |
| 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.

**POA SUPPRESSION**

|              | FAIRWAY    | GREEN      |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Shark</b> | <b>8.5</b> | <b>8.2</b> |
| Penn A-1     | n.i.t.     | 7.0        |
| Pennlinks II | 5.0        | 4.0        |
| L93          | 6.7        | n.i.t.     |
| Seaside      | 2.8        | n.i.t.     |

On both fairways and greens **Shark** is ranked no. 1 for poa suppression. Its aggressive behavior and density prevents poa from getting a strong foothold.

NTEP 07-01, 02, 2006 data.  
1-9: 9 = no poa. 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 2-4 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 over time may be required to achieve maximum conversion.



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