



CREEPING BENTGRASS

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 stolens 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 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 inch cut, and under reduced fungicides. Density and uniform playing surface, particularly under summer stress conditions, is a key attribute.

GREENS, TEES, AND FAIRWAYS

DENSE UNIFORM SURFACE

EXCELLENT HEAT PERFORMANCE

AGGRESSIVE ESTABLISHMENT

IMPROVED DISEASE RESISTANCE

NORMAL MAINTENANCE

TOPS AGAINST POA

GREENS

Variety	Sand	Soil	1/8" Cut	Reduced Fungicides	Density	% Cover
Shark	6.1	6.4	6.9	6.8	7.4	90.8
Penn A-1	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.4	7.3	93.2
Pennlinks II	5.6	5.7	5.7	6.6	6.3	85.2
Penncross	5.2	5.3	5.1	6.4	5.4	88.7
Penneagle II	--	--	--	--	--	--

FAIRWAYS/TEES

Density	% Cover
7.6	96.4
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6.8	94.2
6.1	90.8
7.1	94.1

2006 NTEP Data Ratings 1-9; 9=Best

SEEDING

New Seeding: at a rate of ¾-1¼ lbs per 1000 sq ft, in two directions, and with soil temperatures ideally above 65°F. An extender like granular corn meal may improve uniformity. Insure solid seed to soil contact. Interseeding: aerify or verticut to open up canopy. Topdress to fill open areas to create a favorable seed bed. Broadcast, slitseed, or drop seed at ¼ to ½ lbs per 1000 sq ft. Roll to establish good seed to soil contact. Water enough to start the germination process. Enjoy.

