

**CONDITION. PERFORM. RECOVER.****Tested perfection.****How a Chicago club weathered the perfect storm for dollar spot to keep turf disease-free for the pros****Ryan Mumper**

**T**he Ivanhoe Club, on Chicago's north side, offers a trio of 9-hole courses. It's enough to keep anyone busy through the season. However, when the club hosted an event like the Web.com Tour's Rust-Oleum Championship in early June 2017 and 2018, things had to be beyond perfect.

Pressure was high. "I tend to keep the programs pretty tight, preventatively," says Ivanhoe Club Superintendent Thomas Prichard, GCS. "We're not used to seeing any disease here."

He and his assistant, Ryan Mumper, require a dollar spot program that will perform as well as the Web.com players.

Conditions must be pristine, but Mother Nature does not always cooperate. Last year, for example, the spring and summer were wet and pressure for dollar spot was exceptionally high.

Despite their busyness, Prichard and Mumper find experimenting with their spray programs worthwhile.

**Thomas Prichard**

As part of their constant evaluation, they set aside the half-acre No. 5 fairway on the Forest course to test the effectiveness of some newer products, including Posterity and Secure Action, as well as Primo Maxx and Heritage for

broad-spectrum disease control.

"We had really great results with Posterity fungicide," Mumper says. His plans called for a by-the-book 21-day spray interval, but poor weather conditions got in the way. Their second application did not go on until day 26.

"The fairway was as clean on the 26th day as it ever was," Mumper says.

Altogether, the turf remained disease- and dollar spot-free for a full 40 days after the initial application of their test.

"We had a really clean fairway," he continues. "Our control test plot was really lit with dollar spot. Disease pressure was high."

Mumper was doubly impressed since there were no other materials used

on that fairway and says he plans to continue evaluating the benefits of Secure Action's acibenzolar-S-methyl (ASM), which boosts turf's natural defenses against disease.

Mumper and Prichard bookend their Posterity applications early in the year and late-season at 0.16 fl. oz. per 1,000 square feet, aiming to apply Secure Action every 14-20 days at one-half ounce per 1,000 in the middle weeks. Primo Maxx goes down at one-quarter ounce as part of the tank mix.

"We're all in with Posterity," says Prichard, who pre-ordered his 2019 spray program this past fall. "In the face of unpredictable weather, we feel confident that we'll get a full 21 days out of our applications."



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