

Testimonial

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Canyon Creek Country Club Succeeds In the Busy Dallas Market with Pristine Fairways Protected by Echelon[®] Herbicide from FMC

- Echelon Delivers Critical Control of Sedges and Goosegrass to Keep Golfers Happy -

RICHARDSON, Texas – About one half hour north of downtown Dallas sits the Canyon Creek Country Club, a well-manicured 18-hole private course that has a busy daily stream of golfers and a reputation for being pristine. Rusty Abernathy prides himself on that status.

As assistant golf course superintendent at Canyon Creek the last two years, Abernathy and Superintendent Bill Sturm reshaped the methods in which the course maintenance team works together by developing a common goal – to maintain Canyon Creek as if it were hosting a major tournament every single week.

By doing so, they've been able to raise their own already high standards for everything from edging walkways and cutting tee boxes to the collection of grass clippings and maintaining flawless weed control.

“On any normal week we do a lot of detail work and that’s really the extra step we take at Canyon Creek,” Abernathy said. “We try to have the course as finished and detailed as possible. In the summertime we pretend everyday is a big tournament and we try to have course conditions like that every single day. It’s tough to do but we’re pretty good at it. That’s our goal, so if we had a tournament on any given Monday we’d be ready for it and that has definitely taken us to the next level from a quality standpoint.”

But when it comes to weed control, Canyon Creek was usually falling victim to the same weeds that many Dallas-area courses face – sedges and goosegrass. And being out on the course trying to eliminate weeds two and three times over during the summer season wasn’t an option given the fact that Canyon Creek has a lot of rounds on any given day.

“Probably one of our hardest things we go up against is having a lot of play on the course,” Abernathy added. “My biggest battle is making sure we’re always getting things done between the rounds when the golfers don’t see us doing them.”

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That's how Echelon® herbicide from FMC was able to assist the Canyon Creek maintenance crew by helping them increase their weed control standards. About 18 months ago they started using Echelon to provide long-lasting preemergence of sedges and goosegrass and early postemergence control of crabgrass.

"We had a big issue with goosegrass here the first summer I got here, we had a whole bunch of it and sedges as well and we really didn't have control of it," Abernathy said. "So we put a lot of hours into getting rid of the goosegrass and we started spraying the entire course with Echelon."

From that point on, Echelon has provided incredible control of both sedges and goosegrass, allowing Abernathy and Sturm to focus on other areas of maintenance beyond weed control.

"That's the only product I use because it is quick acting and I think we get longer results from it," Abernathy added. "It knocks the sedges out pretty good, within two days they are wiped out, and it just makes the golf course better."

"One application of Echelon and you're going to wipe all the sedges and the goosegrass out and you don't have to go back, it's a done deal. Especially around our greens, you have to be a little cautious about what you spray around greens and we didn't have any issues with Echelon."

"The way we detail the course is like any little thing, when you do the little things and do them well, the overall product is just much better," Abernathy said. "Like the sedges we were able to control the goosegrass because Echelon really did a great job of getting rid of it and it shows on our course."

Stronger broadleaf control was also important to Abernathy to reduce the amount of crew time spent on broadleaf weed management. By using Echelon, there was greater broadleaf control throughout the entire course.

By using Echelon to help manage broadleaf weeds, Abernathy now has a sense of assurance about his entire weed control program.

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