

## Fairway Conversion to Penneagle Creeping Bentgrass

Prestwick Country Club is about to launch a major golf course improvement by converting all fairways to [Penneagle Creeping Bentgrass](#) during the remainder of 2008.

Working with the USGA's Green Section, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, developed the Penneagle Creeping Bentgrass which has proven especially suited for use on Midwest golf courses. Following the conversion Prestwick's members will enjoy improved playing conditions, especially during the hot, humid summer months. Additionally, converting to Penneagle Creeping Bentgrass leads to easier maintenance.

While the intent is to keep course open during the conversion process, there is likely to be times when certain limitations or special use instructions must be applied. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Our intended schedule is:

1. Saturday, August 23 @ 12:00 pm, close the front nine for spraying Round-Up to kill the existing grass. The front nine will remain closed until about noon on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. All play on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> will need to begin on hole #10.
2. Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, begin the over-seeding process using the following steps - Aerify, Slice Seed, Drag, Compact or Roll-in New Seed, Fertilize, Water in & Watch it Grow!!
3. Tuesday thru Friday, repeat step #2 process on remaining front-nine fairways.

To ensure seed germination and good root development, we will need to be continuously syringing / light watering the new turf; this is likely to cause some temporary inconvenience but by this time next year, those minor inconveniences will pay huge dividends in the quality of the new playing surface we all will enjoy.

If you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to ask Ben or I.

Thanks,  
Rich Brabee  
Prestwick Golf Course Superintendent