

Greenmaster Organic Trial Testimonial: Rochester & Cobham Golf Club

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The trials were commenced on all Greens on 15th June 2006 2 weeks prior to the club hosting a regional Open Golf championship qualifier on July 5th, product applied was Greenmaster Organic... the application rate of 35grams/m² product was applied using a Scotts AccuPro rotary spreader.

Daytime temperatures during the first trial period ranged between 30 – 35 degrees centigrade, coupled with very high humidity, no scorch problems after application were encountered despite the high temperatures.

After application the greens were lightly irrigated by hand followed by overnight automatic irrigation, Course Manager Barry Coveney observed the following day (within 24 hours) that granule breakdown and dispersion was extremely good, with virtually no granule pickup by cutting machinery the day after application.

The sward colour was very consistent as were the release characteristics of the trial product for a period of approximately 5-6 weeks with only short lived minimal flushes of growth experienced after the initial application period despite the combination of high air and soil temperatures and high levels of irrigation having to be applied during this period. Barry also commented on the very good quality and consistency of the granulation.

The 'Open' qualifier was a great success for Rochester & Cobham Golf club and for Barry and his Greenkeeping staff with competing golfers passing very favourable comments on the condition of the course and in particular to the performance of the greens on the day.

Cutting heights leading up to and during the 'open qualifier' were as low as 3.5mm with green speeds between 9.5 – 10 being registered on the stimpmeter as required by the R&A. Even at these low heights Barry observed that the greens maintained a very consistent colour and pace both before, during, & after the qualifier, Barry noticed virtually no granule pickup even at these relatively low cutting heights.

A second application was applied to the greens on July 25th and product performance results are proving to be as consistent as the first application.

Barry was asked by John Noyce area sales manager for Scotts UK Ltd who monitored the trials if he would purchase the product for 2007, Barry was quoted as saying 'I will definitely be using this product for 2007'

