

The variety 'Alpha' for golf courses.

The alternative name was '*Pinehurst*'. This variety is adapted for use on golf putting greens, tees, and fairways.

Appearance.

- *Genetic colour.* DARK green colour.
- *Spring green-up.* RAPID.
- *Colour retention.* Moderate. DOES NOT easily lose its colour.
- *Density.* HIGH shoot density.

Maintenance.

- Requires a MODERATE level of nitrogen fertilization. [3 to 5 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet per season.] GOOD response to treatments of Primo MAXX (trinexapacetyl). Generally requires a REDUCED frequency of vertical mowing when compared with other varieties that spread by lateral growth, such as '*Penncross*'.

Mowing.

- GOOD tolerance of mowing heights from 0.100 to 0.150-inch (2½ to 4 mm) for putting greens, from 0.150 to 0.400-inch (4 to 10 mm) for tees, and from 0.250 to 0.500-inch (6 to 12 mm) for fairways.

Growth.

- Divots will heal RAPIDLY with this variety. RAPID germination (4 to 5 days). VIGOROUS seedlings.

Stress.

- Maintains a COMPETITIVE vegetative cover despite incredibly difficult growing conditions. GOOD heat tolerance.

Disease.

- *General.* The overall resistance to disease is GOOD.
- *Anthracnose.* GOOD to EXCELLENT resistance on putting greens, but GOOD to moderate on fairways.
- *Fusarium Patch.* GOOD to EXCELLENT resistance on putting greens. Sensitive on fairways.
- *Dollar Spot.* GOOD resistance.

Other.

- VERY GOOD resistance to annual bluegrass invasion.

