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Long Island Superintendent Manages Water Efficiently, Even With Extreme Irrigation Inconsistencies

Waukegan, Ill. (February 11, 2008) – The Seawane Club is a private, links-style course located on the south shore of Long Island. Its seaside location often results in varied course conditions with some areas of the course running wet, while areas less than 20 feet away remain completely dry. Superintendent Brian Benedict relies on the full portfolio of Zone surfactants from Precision Laboratories to precisely manage water conditions on the course.

“We’re an inch and a half golf course as far as rains go. Anything more and you’re looking at a day before you can get back out there,” says Benedict. “We’ve always used Cascade Plus™ on the greens, tees and approaches to drive the water down to create a dryer surface area.”

Because the water table is so high – only 30 inches to ground water – Benedict is unable to irrigate fairways with substantial amounts of water. Even with conditions such as high heat and humidity, he can only irrigate some fairways three-to-six minutes each night.

To round out the Zone portfolio of products, Benedict uses EZ Tabs™ as part of the bunker application to further increase water infiltration. He uses Magnus™ to spread water uniformly, which targets water in the upper soil profile. Duplex™ is used at Seawane to improve certain pesticide applications to reduce the surface tension of water, allowing for better penetration.

“Water management issues at Seawane may be more extreme than most courses, but it reinforces the results you can expect from Precision Zone surfactants,” said Don Spier, vice president of turf and ornamentals at Precision Laboratories. “No matter which irrigation challenges you face, Zone surfactants provide added control and increased efficiency.”

For more information about Precision Zone surfactants, or to read firsthand accounts from other superintendents, visit www.precisionlab.com, or contact Don Spier, 847-596-3001 x234.

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