

Hole of the Month

▶ Hole #18 | The Club at Olde Stone | Bowling Green, Kentucky

Hole Stats

Distance: 574 yards

Par 5

The Turf

Green: A1/A4 Bentgrass

Fairway: L93 Bentgrass

Nestled in the rolling hills of Kentucky, The Course at Olde Stone is an Arthur Hills and Drew Rogers-designed championship golf course destined to be a classic. Opened in June 2006, the par-72 course is artfully woven into the landscape, which is a combination of hills, flatlands, trees, grassland and water.

The eighteenth hole — a 574 yard par 5 named "Em-nence" — is perhaps one of the most difficult. Tee shots that win the battle against the fairway bunker in the right hillside slope are rewarded with a carom down the fairway. The tiny "punch bowl" green is positioned at the top of the hill with closely mown turf falling away on three sides.

Using bentgrass turf is unique for the region as the cool-season grass requires additional maintenance in the southern part of the transition zone.

The turf is more susceptible to disease pressure than the native bermudagrass, and golf course superintendent Wyatt Warfel is challenged to keep diseases such as pythium, dollar spot and brown patch in check.

Warfel rotates Insignia® and Emerald® fungicides in his pest-management program, applying the products on fairways, tees and greens. A single application of Insignia over 40 acres of bentgrass in mid-July provides a consistent 21 days of control against a range of turf diseases. Emerald is applied preventively in the spring and fall for dollar spot control.

"We've used Insignia during the hottest and most stressful times of the year for our bentgrass and we know it's going to perform well," said Warfel. "It's a good product and is our 'gold' application — a product we know will give us coverage when we need it!"

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