



changing the game

What customers are saying...

“The fact that CIVITAS has cut our pesticide use in half makes it an easy sell. The economics just make sense.”

- Derrick Wozniak, Superintendent, Rock Manor Golf Course – Wilmington, Delaware

The Superintendent

Derrick Wozniak grew up on a family farm in Indiana, so his love of agriculture and the outdoors is nothing new. Derrick completed a degree in Computer Engineering at Elon University in North Carolina but his love of the outdoors prompted him to complete a two-year turf management program at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Prior to joining Rock Manor as superintendent in 2008, Derrick worked at Aronimink Golf Club, in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania and at Bidermann Golf Club in Wilmington, Delaware.

The Course

The Rock Manor Golf Course was established in 1921 as a public course in Wilmington, Delaware, just off interstate 95. In 2005, the course was lengthened to 18 holes and redesigned by renowned golf-course architect Lester George. Rock Manor boasts bent grass fairways and greens and rye tees and is certified as a Cooperative Sanctuary by Audubon International.

The Distributor

Fisher & Son Company Inc. is a fourth-generation family owned and operated business, providing goods and services to turf and horticulture professionals throughout the Mid-Atlantic. Fisher & Son Account Manager, Tom Defino worked with Rock Manor on the introduction of CIVITAS.



Derrick at the Rock Manor Golf Course

The Challenge

Rock Manor hosts more than 44,000 rounds each year so keeping the turf in great condition is always Derrick's top priority. Rock Manor is built on a sand base, so drainage also presents a major challenge. In terms of disease pressure, Derrick is always looking for ways to manage pythium on his greens, brown patch on his fairways, and dollar spot and grey leaf spot on his tees. What originally peaked Derrick's interest in CIVITAS was proven efficacy in combating grey leaf spot in a sustainable manner.

“I am really happy with CIVITAS.

I will continue to recommend it to anyone I can.” - Derrick Wozniak

Turf Results

“CIVITAS has helped me do my job because I’ve been able to focus less on disease control and focus on other areas of concern.”

In the two years prior to using CIVITAS, Rock Manor had outbreaks of dollar spot and grey leaf spot. However, since using CIVITAS, Rock Manor has had neither.

“I have not seen dollar spot or grey leaf spot on tees yet this year, but I know other courses in the area have been hit hard. That’s because of CIVITAS – it has far exceeded my expectations.”

The Proof

“A local agronomist accompanied me on my rounds one morning and remarked that these are the best tees he has ever seen. I attribute that to CIVITAS.”

As an Audubon certified course, Derrick is always looking for ways to do the best he possible can to be a steward of the environment, and CIVITAS is helping him realize this goal.

“We’ve cut our fungicide and fertilizer use. I have been able to reduce fertilizer by 25% throughout the whole season because of CIVITAS. We’ve also seen reduced cost because we’re not spraying as many chemicals and even more importantly, we are seeing improved results.”



7th Tee Before – August 23rd 2010

7th Tee After – October 12th 2010

The Product

CIVITAS is an effective and responsible way to control fungus.

CIVITAS is a synthetic isoparaffin-based fungicide that is changing the game. It turns on the natural defenses of the plant to fight fungus and reduces the need for traditional control products. While CIVITAS has the same effect as a traditional fungicide, it really empowers the plant to kill the fungus itself.

CIVITAS delivers excellent playability and effective fungus control, without any resistance issues. Further, it has no maximum use per acre limit and a shorter re-entry period.

CIVITAS is for use on a variety of grasses, including bent grass, rye grass, and poa. It controls the primary fungi that affect your course: dollar spot, brown patch, anthracnose, leaf spot, fusarium patch, powdery mildew, and grey and pink snow mold.

**Effective fungus control. No resistance issues. Excellent playability.
Strengthened root systems. Decreased fertilizer requirements.**



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