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## **BARGOLD AT KINGENNIE GOLF COURSE PROVES TO BE AN ALL-ROUND WINNER**

Until recently, golf course superintendents avoided using traditional coarse-leaved perennial ryegrass on golf greens. But now, thanks to a Barenbrug breeding program which has developed an exceptionally fine-leaved ryegrass called Bargold, this is changing, and much more ryegrass is now being successfully used in fine turf situations.

Confidence in this new cultivar has increased following the construction of Kingennie Golf Course, at Broughty Ferry near Dundee in the UK. It has been designed by Graeme Webster of Team Niblick.

A big fan of Barenbrug turf grasses, he specified the use of Bargold across the whole course – including tees, fairways, semi-roughs and the USGA constructed greens. This mixture Webster specified contains 30 per cent Bargold and 70% fine fescues which have excellent close mowing characteristics and superb winter color.

Bargold has the finest leaf of any perennial ryegrass, comparable to a red fescue, but it establishes much quicker. Unlike conventional ryegrasses it tolerates close mowing.

The mixture is ideal for heavy wear areas on the golf course, has outstanding disease resistance and drought tolerance, and maintains a superb fine appearance.

“The course at Kingennie is one of the best projects I have ever seen for development of a playing surface,” says Graeme Webster. “The grass has established quickly and evenly, and the mixture is doing incredibly well in all situations.

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“Our mixture containing Bargold offers everything – it is hard wearing and has fabulous color all year round. Some people are skeptical that you can mow it down to 5mm – but I think you can get it down even lower. I would have no hesitation in recommending this mixture for all uses on golf courses.”

“The greens have looked superb all summer – despite the wet weather and their young age. I have always been wary of using ryegrass in greens – but I am now convinced that a cultivar like Bargold, that combines the fast establishment of traditional ryegrass with a fine leaf, offers the best of both worlds. We are currently developing a further nine holes and shall be using Bargold on these too.”

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