2021-2022 Idaho Snow Mold Control Evaluation: Whitetail Club – McCall, ID McCall Golf Club – McCall, ID

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OBJECTIVE

To evaluate fungicides for the control of gray snow mold (*Typhula incarnata*), speckled snow mold (*T. ishikariensis*), and Microdochium patch (*Microdochium nivale*) on golf course turfgrass.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The evaluations were conducted at both Whitetail Club and at McCall Golf Club in McCall, ID on fairway plots containing a mixed stand of Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*), perennial ryegrass (*Lolium perenne*), and annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*). Individual plots measured 3 ft x 10 ft and were arranged in a randomized complete block design with four replications. Individual treatments were applied at a nozzle pressure of 40 psi using a CO₂-pressurized sprayer equipped with one AI9508EVS Teejet nozzle. All fungicides were agitated by hand and applied in the equivalent of 1.5 gallons of water per 1000 ft². All applications were made on 12 Oct 2021. Snow cover lasted from early December until mid-April, a total of approximately 140 days. Disease severity, turf quality, and turf color were evaluated on 18 Apr 2022. Disease severity was visually rated as percent area affected, turfgrass quality was visually rated on a 1-9 scale with 6 being acceptable, and chlorophyll content (turfgrass color) was rated using a FieldScout CM 1000 Chlorophyll Meter from Spectrum Technologies, Inc. (Aurora, IL). Treatment means were analyzed using Fisher's LSD method and are presented in Tables 1 (Whitetail Club) and 2 (McCall Golf Club).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Disease pressure at Whitetail Club was very low with non-treated controls averaging 8.8% disease. On the other hand, disease pressure at McCall Golf Club was very high with non-treated controls averaging 72.5% disease. The primary disease present at both locations was Microdochium patch, though minor amounts of speckled snow mold were observed at McCall GC. At Whitetail, most treatments significantly reduced disease severity relative to the nontreated control and all treatments were of acceptable turf quality. At McCall, aside from one treatment, the best performing treatments had 20-30% disease. This was likely due to the exceptionally abnormal weather in McCall last fall. Permanent snow cover not only came approximately 1 month later than normal, but McCall received approximately 3 inches of rain between the timing of our application in mid-October and snow cover in December. This meant that there was likely significant degradation of the treatments before snow cover arrived. However, statistical differences could still be observed among the treatments at McCall, and about half of the treatments were significantly better than the non-treated control. The best performing treatments were those that contained mixtures of 3 or 4 active ingredients from multiple different chemical classes. Turf quality and turf color mostly mirrored disease severity ratings, and phytotoxicity was not observed with any treatment.

Table 1: Mean snow mold severity, turf quality, and turf color were assessed on April 18, 2022 on fairway turf at the Whitetail Club in McCall, ID.

| | Treatment ^a | Rate | Disease Severity ^b | Turf Quality ^c | Turf Color ^d |
|--------|---|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Non-treated Control | | 8.8ab | 6.0bc | 153.0a-g |
| 2 | Rayora Fame C | 1.4 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.9 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 8.8ab | 6.0bc | 145.5b-h |
| 3 | Enclave | 8.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 0.0c | 7.0a | 128.3fgh |
| 4 | Enclave Foursome Plus | 8.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.5 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 0.0c | 7.0a | 132.8d-h |
| 5 | Contend A Contend B Daconil Weatherstik Ambient Plus | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.6 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.5 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 1.3bc | 6.8ab | 137.3b-h |
| 6 | A23543A Daconil Weatherstik Ambient Plus | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.5 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 3.8bc | 6.5ab | 158.0a-e |
| 7 | Instrata Ambient Plus | 9.3 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 3.8bc | 6.3abc | 156.8a-e |
| 8 | Contend A Posterity XT Ambient Plus | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 0.0c | 7.0a | 139.0b-h |
| 9 | A23543A Posterity XT Ambient Plus | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 6.3Bc | 6.5ab | 160.8a-d |
| 10 | Contend A Posterity XT Daconil Weatherstik Ambient Plus | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.5 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 2.5Bc | 6.5ab | 161.8ab |
| 11 | Traction 26/36 | 1.3 fl oz/1000 ft2 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 0.0C | 7.0a | 128.5fgh |
| 12 | Traction 26/36 DV-101 | 1.3 fl oz/1000 ft2 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.4 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 1.3Be | 6.8ab | 139.8b-h |
| 13 | Traction 26/36 Torque | 1.3 fl oz/1000 ft2 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.15 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 2.5Bc | 6.8ab | 124.3h |
| 14 | Traction 26/36 | 1.3 fl oz/1000 ft2 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.15 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.4 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 2.5Bc | 6.8ab | 135.0b-h |
| 15 | NFA0630301 Torque | 1.1 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.75 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 5.0Bc | 6.3abc | 175.3a |
| 16 | ESTC184 ESTC120 | 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 3.8bc | 6.5ab | 127.8fgh |
| 17 | ESTC184 ESTC120 ESTC190 | 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 3.8bc | 6.3abc | 145.3b-h |
| a A 11 | | LSD P=.05 | 7.52 | 0.84 | 28.03 |

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| 19 ESTC185 ESTC120 | 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 3.8bc | 6.5ab | 132.0e-h |
| ESTC185 20 ESTC120 ESTC111 | 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 0.0c | 7.0a | 132.0e-h |
| 21 ESTC184 ESTC120 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 1.3bc | 6.8ab | 133.0c-h |
| ESTC184 22 ESTC120 ESTC111 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 0.0c | 7.0a | 126.0gh |
| 23 ESTC185 ESTC120 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 6.3bc | 6.0bc | 126.5gh |
| ESTC185 24 ESTC120 ESTC111 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 6.3bc | 6.3abc | 142.5b-h |
| ESTC184 25 ESTC120 ESTC125 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 6.3bc | 6.3abc | 124.8h |
| 26 ESTC120 ESTC125 ESTC190 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 1.3bc | 6.8ab | 123.8h |
| ESTC184 27 ESTC120 ESTC125 ESTC111 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 0.0c | 7.0a | 121.8h |
| ESTC185 28 ESTC120 ESTC125 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 2.5bc | 6.8ab | 142.0b-h |
| ESTC185 29 ESTC120 ESTC125 ESTC190 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 2.5bc | 6.5ab | 142.3b-h |
| ESTC185 30 ESTC120 ESTC125 ESTC111 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 0.0c | 7.0a | 137.3b-h |
| ESTC185 31 ESTC120 ESTC125 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 2.5bc | 6.5ab | 139.0b-h |
| | LSD P=.05 | 7.52 | 0.84 | 28.03 |

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|---|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| ESTC185 32 ESTC120 ESTC125 ESTC190 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 5.0bc | 6.3abc | 120.5h |
| ESTC185 ESTC120 ESTC125 ESTC111 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 1.3bc | 6.8ab | 131.5e-h |
| 34 ESTC183 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 15.0a | 5.5c | 123.8h |
| 35 ESTC183 ESTC192 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 2.5bc | 6.5ab | 136.0b-h |
| | LSD P=.05 | 7.52 | 0.84 | 28.03 |

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Table 2: Mean snow mold severity, turf quality, and turf color were assessed on April 18, 2022 on fairway turf at the McCall Golf Club in McCall, ID.

| | Treatment ^a | Rate | Disease Severity ^b | Turf Quality ^c | Turf Color ^d |
|----|---|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Non-treated Control | | 72.5ab | 3.0fg | 138.8hi |
| 2 | Rayora Fame C | 1.4 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.9 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 25.0h-k | 5.3abc | 175.8b-i |
| 3 | Enclave | 8.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 43.8b-j | 4.5b-f | 200.3a-f |
| 4 | Enclave Foursome Plus | 8.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.5 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 57.5a-g | 3.5d-g | 158.3d-i |
| 5 | Contend A Contend B Daconil Weatherstik Ambient Plus | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.6 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.5 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 16.3jk | 5.8ab | 225.8abc |
| 6 | A23543A Daconil Weatherstik Ambient Plus | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.5 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 45.0b-j | 3.8c-g | 204.0a-f |
| 7 | Instrata Ambient Plus | 9.3 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 18.8ijk | 5.3abc | 200.3a-f |
| 8 | Contend A Posterity XT Ambient Plus | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 27.5g-k | 4.5b-f | 199.0a-g |
| 9 | A23543A Posterity XT Ambient Plus | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 43.8b-j | 4.0c-g | 199.3a-f |
| 10 | Contend A Posterity XT Daconil Weatherstik Ambient Plus | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.5 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.37 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 16.3jk | 5.3abc | 214.3a-d |
| 11 | Traction 26/36 | 1.3 fl oz/1000 ft2 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 42.5b-j | 4.0c-g | 208.3а-е |
| 12 | Traction 26/36 DV-101 | 1.3 fl oz/1000 ft2 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.4 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 40.0c-j | 4.0c-g | 197.8a-g |
| 13 | Traction 26/36 Torque | 1.3 fl oz/1000 ft2 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.15 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 31.3e-k | 4.8b-e | 206.0a-f |
| 14 | Traction 26/36 Torque DV-101 | 1.3 fl oz/1000 ft2 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.15 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.4 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 21.3h-k | 5.3abc | 226.8ab |
| 15 | NFA0630301 Torque | 1.1 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.75 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 5.0k | 6.8a | 237.8a |
| 16 | ESTC184 ESTC120 | 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 26.3g-k | 5.3abc | 207.8a-e |
| 17 | ESTC184 ESTC120 ESTC190 | 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 5.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 33.8d-k | 4.5b-f | 176.3b-i |
| | | LSD P=.05 | 32.22 | 1.7 | 56.26 |

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| | Treatment ^a | Rate | Severity ^b | Turf Quality ^c | Color ^d |
| | ESTC184 | 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 18 | ESTC120 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 45.0b-j | 4.0c-g | 170.0c-i |
| | ESTC111 | 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 19 | ESTC185 | 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 65.0a-d | 3.3efg | 142.8ghi |
| | ESTC120 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | J | J |
| 20 | ESTC185 | 6.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 26.2 1 | 4.71 C | 172.01 |
| 20 | ESTC111 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 36.3c-k | 4.5b-f | 173.8b-i |
| | ESTC194 | 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 21 | ESTC120 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 67.5abc | 3.3efg | 151.0f-i |
| | ESTC120 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 22 | ESTC184 ESTC120 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 52.5a-h | 254 ~ | 190.0a-h |
| 22 | ESTC120 ESTC111 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 32.3 a- 11 | 3.5d-g | 190.0a-11 |
| | ESTC111 ESTC185 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 23 | ESTC183 ESTC120 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 62.5a-e | 3.5d-g | 157.3e-i |
| | ESTC120 ESTC185 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 24 | ESTC120 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 60.0a-f | 3.3efg | 155.3e-i |
| 27 | ESTC111 | 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 00.04-1 | 3.3015 | 133.30-1 |
| | ESTC184 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 2.5 | ESTC120 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 38.8c-j | 4.5b-f | 154.3e-i |
| | ESTC125 | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 20.00 | | 100 1 |
| | ESTC184 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 2.5 | ESTC120 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 160 : | 4.0 | 162.21: |
| 26 | ESTC125 | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 46.3a-j | 4.0c-g | 163.3d-i |
| | ESTC190 | 5.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| | ESTC184 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 27 | ESTC120 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 45 Ob i | 4 Oo a | 181.3b-h |
| 21 | ESTC125 | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 45.0b-j | 4.0c-g | 181.30-11 |
| | ESTC111 | 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| | ESTC185 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 28 | ESTC120 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 38.8c-j | 4.3b-f | 172.5b-i |
| | ESTC125 | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| | ESTC185 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 29 | ESTC120 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 28.8f-k | 5.0bcd | 190.8a-h |
| 2) | ESTC125 | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 20.01 K | 3.00 cu | 170.00 11 |
| | ESTC190 | 5.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| | ESTC185 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 30 | ESTC120 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 50.0a-i | 3.8c-g | 169.5c-i |
| | ESTC125 | 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | - 6 | - |
| | ESTC195 | 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | | | |
| 2.1 | ESTC120 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 57.5- | 2 2-5- | 122 0: |
| 31 | ESTC125 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 57.5a-g | 3.3efg | 123.8i |
| | ESTC125 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | • | | |
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| ESTC185 ESTC120 ESTC125 ESTC111 | 3.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 0.196 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 72.5ab | 2.5g | 139.3hi |
| 34 ESTC183 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 45.0b-j | 4.3b-f | 181.0b-h |
| 35 ESTC183 ESTC192 | 2.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 1.0 fl oz/1000 ft2 | 60.0a-f | 3.8c-g | 136.5hi |
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