GOLF GREENS | BOWLING GREENS

ALL BENT is a 100% browntop bentgrass blend designed for overseeding and species exchange in golf and bowling greens.

The blend contains three cultivars; Charles, Heriot and BarKing.

Charles is a new NZ-bred variety, named after Sir Bob Charles, the first left-handed golfer to win a major. Like Sir Bob, it breaks new ground, being ranked #1 by a clear half-point in Turfgrass Seed 2018 Table G1 (see Figure 1)! Its scores for visual merit and shoot density promise to have a major impact as part of a species exchange programme, improving golf greens and out-competing the ubiquitous Poa annua.

BarKing is ranked #5, is an excellent European-bred cultivar with superior wear tolerance and winter colour. It also possesses very good tolerance to Microdochium Patch disease (Fusarium).

Barenbrug recently published results of an extensive four-year trial assessed independently by the STRI, which highlighted the benefits of using *capillaris* cultivar *BarKing* instead of other bentgrass species in the UK and Ireland.

Figure 2 shows the extent of annual meadowgrass (Poa annua) ingression into golf green plots after four years of standard maintenance and wear.

In Figure 2, a green sown with (BAR) ALL BENT contained less than 10% Poa at the end of the trial, compared to more than double that for creeping bentgrass cultivars Penn G6 and Bengal.

Series G Greens, Close Mown Trials (Mown at 4-7mm) Table G1 Bentgrasses (*Agrostis spp.*)

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	tivar	Shoot Density	Visual Merit	Mean	Fineness of Leaf	Resistance to Red Thread	Winter Greenness	Summer Greenness	UK Agent
Cha	wntop bent (Agrostis capillaris)	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.2	-	5.0	6.0	BAR
	wtown	7.0	7.2	7.1	6.8	6.1	4.7	6.0	DLF/JNS
	ek (LA)	7.0	7.1	7.0	6.3	0.0	4.8	5.9	DLF/JNS
Mar		6.8	6.9	6.9	6.5	5.5	5.7	5.6	DLF/JNS
	King	6.4	7.0	6.7	6.5	5.8	7.2	5.9	BAR
	rRegal	6.5	6.8	6.7	6.4	6.4	7.1	6.6	G
	nont	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.2	6.1	6.6	6.5	RT/TG
Her		6.5	6.8	6.7	6.8	5.6	6.4	6.2	BAR
Seft	on	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.7	5.1	5.5	5.1	LMG
Gre	enspeed	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.4	5.9	5.9	5.8	RT/TG
Abe	rRoyal	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.9	6.5	G
Troy	r - 1	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.1	6.4	5.9	6.5	FF
Jon	rik	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.0	6.5	7.4	DLF
Arle	tta	5.9	6.2	6.0	7.0	5.1	6.1	5.5	LMG
Pola	ına	5.5	5.9	5.7	5.0	6.3	6.6	6.2	DLF
Nev	New Cultivars								
	tage	6.6	6.7	6.6	5.9	-	6.2	7.1	ICL
	nutt	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.2	_	8.0	a a	DSV

100% browntop bentgrass

50% BARKING

Browntop bent

30% HERIOT
Browntop bent

20% CHARLES
Browntop bent

Usage Overseeding golf and bowling greens

Charles #1 by 0.5! BarKing #5 bent;

Key points

BarKing winter colour and

Microdochium (Fusarium)

tolerance

Oversowing rate 4-6g per m²
Sowing rate 8-10g per m²
Sowing depth Rootzone contact
Mowing height down to 3mm

Comparison of Poa annua ingression into BAR DUO and BAR Bent **ALL BENT vs Creeping Bent Monocultures Under Standard** Poa annua **Maintenance Regimes** Bare ground 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% **BAR ALL BENT** Bengal BAR DUO

Figure 2: Botanical composition of browntop and creeping bent plots after over four years trialling under the standard maintenance regime.

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