

MaxGuard® NPK conquers the course



Monash Country Club, Sydney NSW

There are few things more frustrating for turf aficionados than the perpetual battle with insect pests and the destruction they leave in their wake. But one man is winning the war.

Marshall Howarth is the Course Superintendent at Monash Country Club in Sydney's Ingleside. It's a private, 18-hole golf club, perched high in the hills on the beautiful northern beaches. The course is magnificent, and has even hosted the Australian PGA.

"I feel proud of producing good surfaces," says Marshall. "I get a sense of accomplishment. I mean, there's a little bit of luck in it, what with Mother Nature but, a good result, that's what you put all your hard work in for."

Most recently, Marshall has been testing the outcomes of MaxGuard NPK. Like its MaxGuard 2G and 80SC cousins, MaxGuard NPK contains a cost-effective contact insecticide. Its light stable pyrethroid chemistry promises significantly longer residual pest control than conventional pyrethroids. In addition, MaxGuard NPK goes one step further, offering an all-in-one protection/growth recovery and nutrition product.

The added fertiliser stimulates post-recovery of plants, leaves, stolons and rhizomes after damage from insects, and encourages carbohydrate reserves. This, in turn, maximizes turf recovery and root hair activity, helping in the take-up of nutrients.

Marshall applied MaxGuard NPK to the surrounds on the green. "It was excellent. We've had a build-up of Argentine stem weevil and other insects and, I tell you what, the response was incredible. With the Argentine stem weevil, there was no evidence of them. They've now moved to the bunkers!" he laughs. "As for insect damage, there's no scarab damage, no Bill Bug Damage."

Saya Marshall, "The only other similar products have environmental impacts. I don't even think about them anymore, especially when you've got products like this about."

"I've got a great response with the fertilizer too. I'm still seeing results after a month." He adds, "I applied it with the AccuPro 2000 spreader. It was brilliant."

Marshall is also very impressed with Maxguard NPK's low toxicity. "Its safe for the public," he says. "I don't use scheduled insecticides like S6 or S7 at all."

"I'd use it again," he says. And with his 30 years experience in the industry, there's no better endorsement than that.

Safer to apply, faster to act

MaxGuard NPK provides the convenience of a granular turf insecticide combined with a slow release 28+1.3+6.6 fertiliser, making it ideal for post damage recovery and insect control.

It is not a scheduled poison and, with minimal contact when applying, is extremely safe for users. With a chemistry that has more insecticidal activity than other classes of insecticides such as organophosphates and carbamates, MaxGuard requires less active ingredient to control pests – acting faster to combat target insects at lower rates of 140kg/ha.