



A Comparison during the Winter of 2004-05

One of our New Clients in Northern Wisconsin decided to give GreenJacket a try this year for the first time. In being a bit skeptic about the GreenJacket's Impermeable property and the cover Not Being Able to breath, he thought he would only cover 4 of his greens with GreenJacket and the Insulation Foam. However, he also covered two other greens with Permeable covers (See below) he has used previously. In addition, there were greens that he typically never covered and have not been a problem in the past.



A competitor's permeable cover was used with poor results

Here are the results from a second competitor's cover. Note the extent of the kill.



The winter weather he experienced was somewhat harsh. Covers were installed about the third week of November, 2004 and as winter set in, the cold and snow cover came. So did a warm spell in January which, with melting snow and rain, followed by dropping temps, left a cover of ice on greens and fairways for a long period of time. Left with thoughts of what was going to be the outcome, they could only wait. As spring rolled around, covers were removed April 4, 2005.

As you look at these photos, we know that the weather had fluctuated through a Freeze - Thaw – Freeze Cycle this past winter. The temperature was warm enough to allow the turf to start to come out of dormancy and start its growing cycle. As it did this, the crown of the plant started to absorb water, which re-froze and typically destroyed the crown of the plant leaving dead turf.



This is a photo of hole number 1 as it looked in January. The GreenJacket Impermeable Cover was used with the Insulative Foam.

In the Spring, despite the sever weather, the hole was ready to play. (Below)



We know that with the GreenJacket the turf remains dormant longer through these Freeze –Thaw- Freeze Cycles. In addition, putting greens that you know do not drain well, face north to northwest and do not hold snow cover, we see excellent results by using our insulation foam to help keep the temperature of the turf lower and more consistent during those freeze – thaw - freeze cycles. To make matters worse the combination of snow melt and rain left as much as

3" to 4" inch's of ICE on the turf which when the warm spell came the Permeable cover allowed the water to penetrate through the cover to the turf. The Green-Jacket provided a barrier to the elements. The ice actually helped to keep the turf at a more consistent temperature. For more information on Temperature Data tests go to our website www.greenjacket.com and select [Winter Cover Research Results Charts & Graphs.](#)

This is photo of a green with no cover. Note that the freeze and thaw cycles have damaged the turf. It is doubtful it will recover.



Hole number 8 covered with the GreenJacket Impermeable cover and Insulative Foam. Below is the green uncovered



Additional photos of greens covered with GreenJacket Impermeable Covers and Isolative Foam



Hole number 4 before and after.



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