Trees: Tough to live with, yet you can’t live without

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Can anyone imagine a golf course devoid of trees? Just turfgrass, perhaps with a sprinkling of woody and herbaceous ornamentals? Despite the agonizing they sometimes cause golf course superintendents, I think not!

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