

# Hurricane Floyd leaves mark on North Carolina

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WILMINGTON, N.C. — Hurricane Floyd and the heavy rains that followed in mid-September left numerous courses submerged and forced many to close for a month or more.

Floyd came ashore here Sept. 13. The Wilmington area was hit full force by the hurricane, but

escaped the worst of the floods, according to Joey Hines, head pro at Cape Fear Country Club.

"We got 33 inches of rain, but never flooded to the point many other



courses did," Hines said. "Anything from Wallace to Kenston to Greenville was badly flooded. The perimeter roads leading into and around

Wilmington were washed out. But Wilmington did not have real bad floods.

"We lost quite a few trees. Everybody in the area had pretty much the same thing — a messy cleanup, a lot of standing water, trees and debris.

The worst of the flooding occurred farther north and west.

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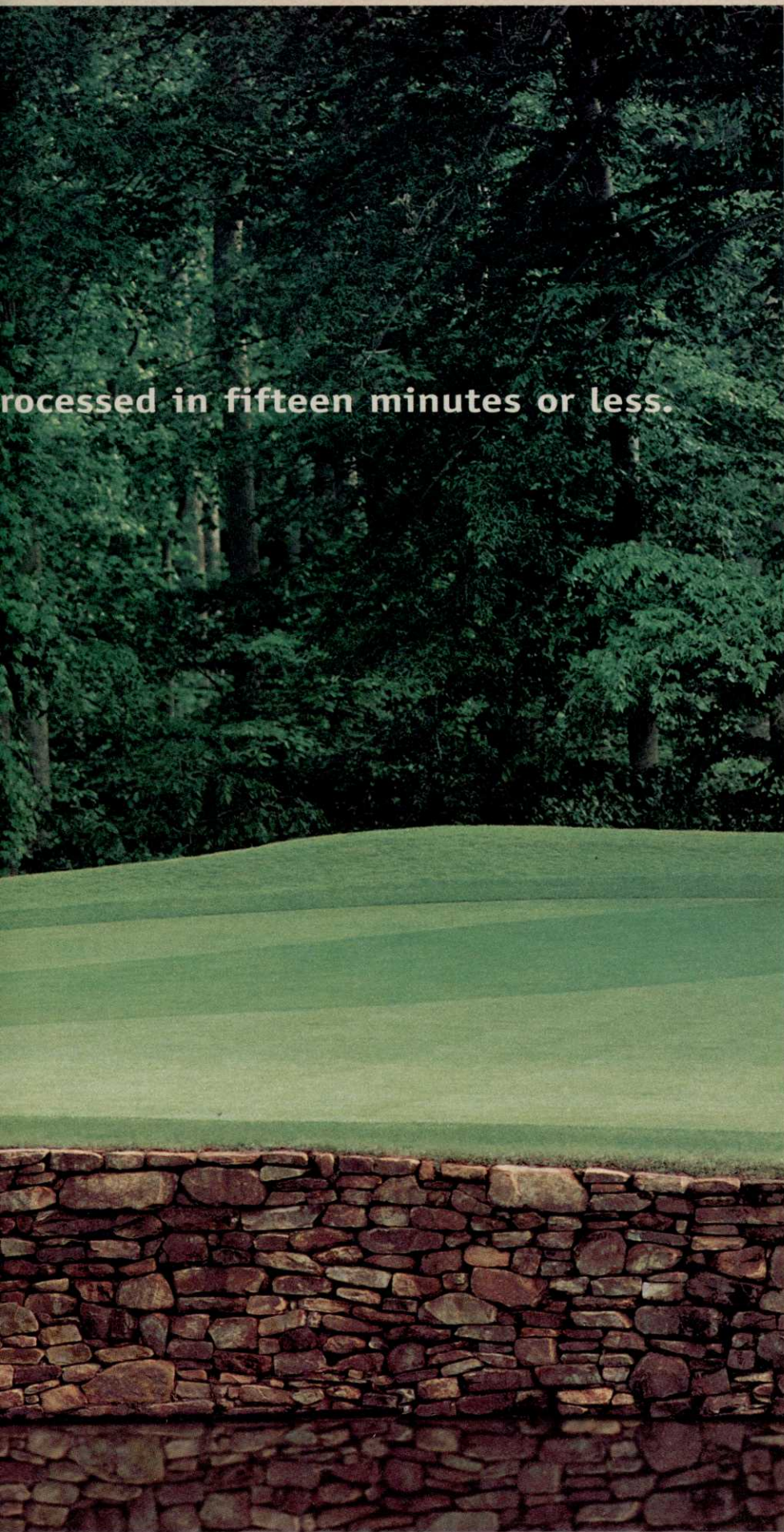
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## MYRTLE BEACH OPENS 100TH COURSE

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — The recently opened Tournament Players Club of Myrtle Beach has the distinction of being the 100th course along South Carolina's Grand Strand.

The high-end daily fee facility will debut as the site of the Ingersoll-Rand Senior Tour Championship in November and is a joint venture between PGA TOUR Golf Course Properties and Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday (MGBH).

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Zuckerman, who has spent 15 years trying to turn the Ocean Trails concept into a reality.

Zuckerman knew about the ancient landslide prior to construction and took the following measures to ensure that golf course irrigation would not affect the stability of the land.

"We put down a three-foot layer of impermeable clay and six inches of sand and then a herringbone drainage system," said Zuckerman. "That fed into a sump pump, which pumped the water to an irrigation lake on the course." Unfortunately, the leaking sewer line was buried beneath the clay cap.

Dye, who was on his way to Ocean Trails the day of the slide to give the course his final stamp of approval, has already examined the damage.

"When I got there the next day it looked like the shoreline had been there for a million years, you could see the fairway, the bunkers and the green," said Dye. "I have been around for 73 years and I have never seen anything like it."

There are a couple of repair options available to the developers, according to Dye. "They can put the hole back where it was without a great deal of fight, or you could leave it out there," said Dye. "All you really have to do is clean out the valley, grass the thing and fix what has been broken out of 18."

Whatever is decided, the ground will have to be stabilized. Although preliminary reports from geologists suggest that major earth movements are unlikely to happen again along the ancient landslide and the leaking sewer line has been repaired, Zuckerman plans to proceed with great caution.

"We would like to get the work done by the end of the year," said Zuckerman. ▽