

Long and Short

You might want to pull out the pitching wedge – just to be safe. Because if you hit long, your golf ball could end up raining on suburbia in northwest South Carolina.

The par 3 13th hole at the Cliffs at Glassy may look easy from the tee. But there's little room, literally, to mess up. Directly behind the 155-yard hole's green is a mountain, which descends quickly upon the small cities of Spartanburg and Greenville. As we said, use a pitching wedge.

The 13th hole is 2,000 above sea level. The view from the tee and green is spectacular. You can see for miles, and miles and miles – about 75 of them.

"It's a beautiful hole that plays short," says superintendent Larry Robinson. "The elevation between the tee and green drops 35 to 40 feet. You want to hit anything to stay short."

If you hit the green from the tee, don't assume a birdie or par. The undulating 4,000-square-foot bentgrass green will test your putting skills. "It's tough to keep it on the green – even when you're on the green," Robinson says.

From a maintenance perspective, the green is also challenging. Because the hole is at such a high elevation, the wind blows hard and dries out the green, Robinson says. To no surprise, No. 13 gets watered more than the other holes.

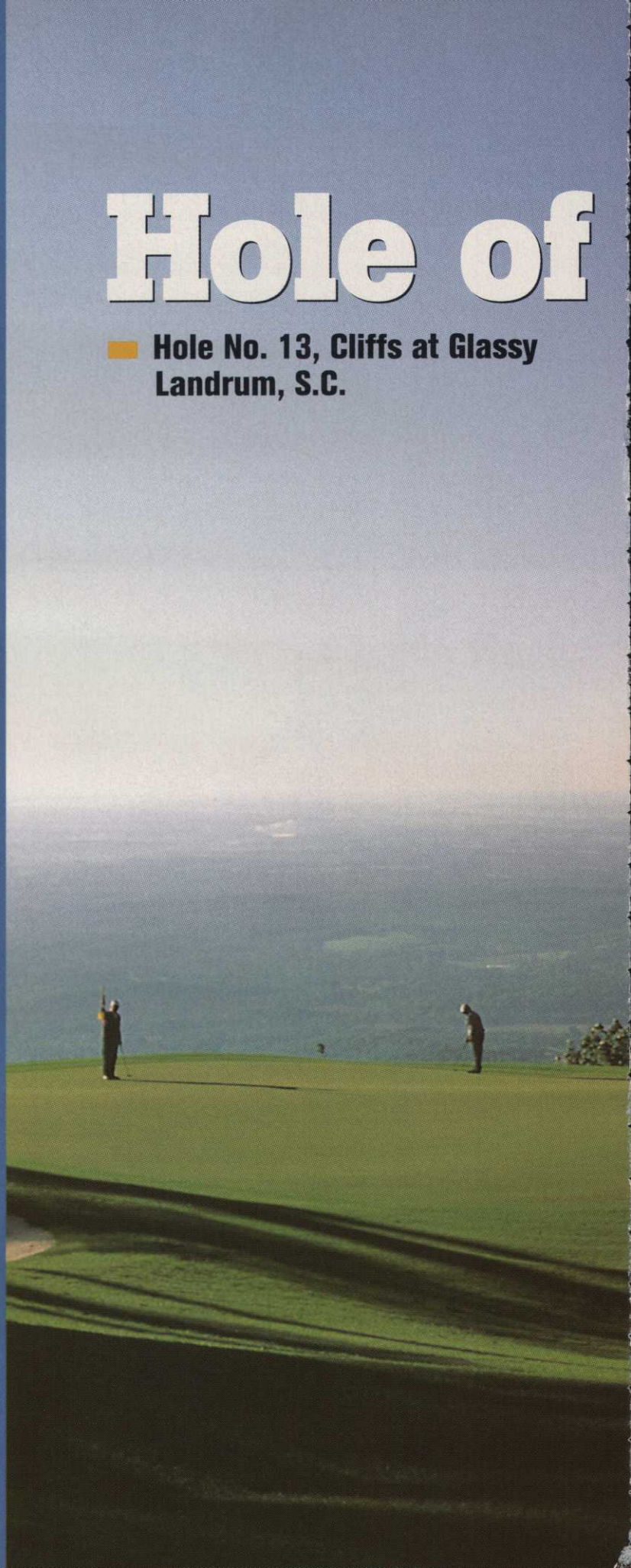
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