Environment Rules

Kemper Lakes GC in Long Grove, Ill., is sculpted from 20 acres of lakes and oak trees in the rustic northwest suburbs of Chicago. The course, which opened in 1979, is one of the few daily-fee golf courses to host a Major, the 1989 PGA Championship. It has hosted several tournaments, including the annual Southwestern Bell Communications Senior Open.

Kemper Lakes, designed by Ken Killian and Dick Nugent, is known for its environmental allure, thanks in part to CGCS



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Gregg Rosenthal, who helped it recently achieve designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. Rosenthal, who joined Kemper Lakes in 1998, says the course naturally presented itself to Audubon status, "Because of the lack of development surrounding the course, we're

better able to preserve the integrity of the environment, while making the golf course an integral part of it," Rosenthal says.

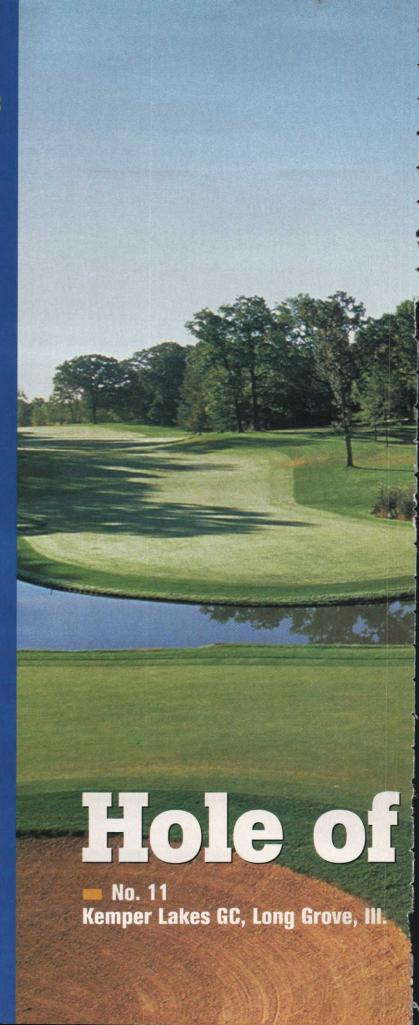
The par 5, 534-yard 11th hole offers excellent scenery and requires golfer strategy. Long hitters will go for the green in two, but they must avoid several oak trees. The small, narrow green is guarded by a pond.

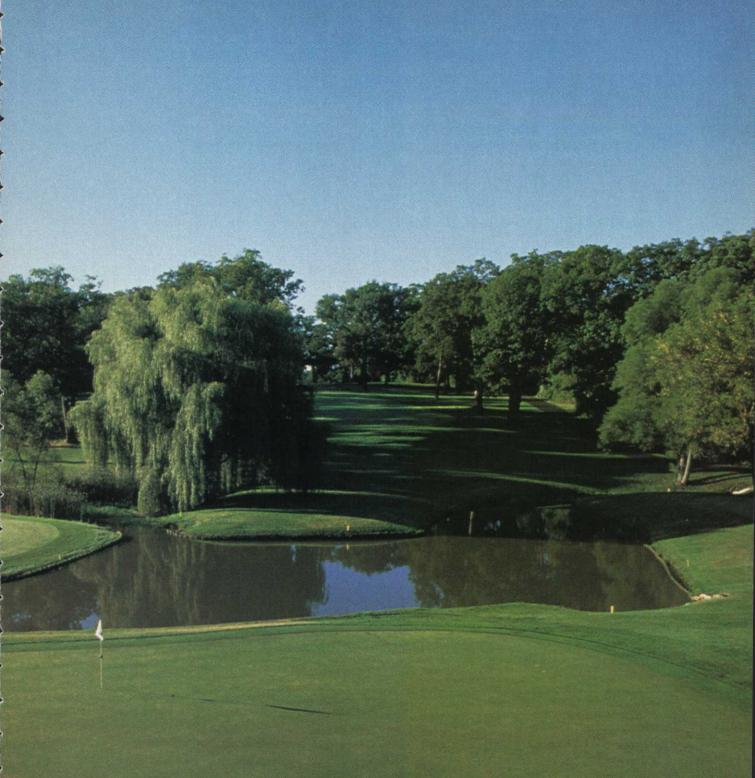
No. 11 is the most challenging hole to maintain, Rosenthal says. Trees and vegetation keep moisture and humidity in and air flow out, increasing the potential for diseased turf.

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