

Pristine Seventeen

For only the third time, and sadly the last, Robert Trent Jones Sr. and his son, Robert Trent Jones Jr., teamed up to design a golf course – Southern Highlands GC in Las Vegas. The 7,381-yard, par-72 track opened in April, and Jones Sr. died in June.

“I truly believe their commitment to Southern Highlands resulted in one of the finest golf course designs in the nation,” says Garry Goett, president of the club.

The course, located about 10 minutes from the Las Vegas strip, combines elements of classic and modern design. It features nearly 18 acres of streams, lakes and waterfalls, including on the 17th hole.

No. 17 is a challenging par 3 – it’s 214 yards from the back tee with water flowing from there all the way around the peninsula green. Bunkers protect the front right and left green, so there’s little room for error.

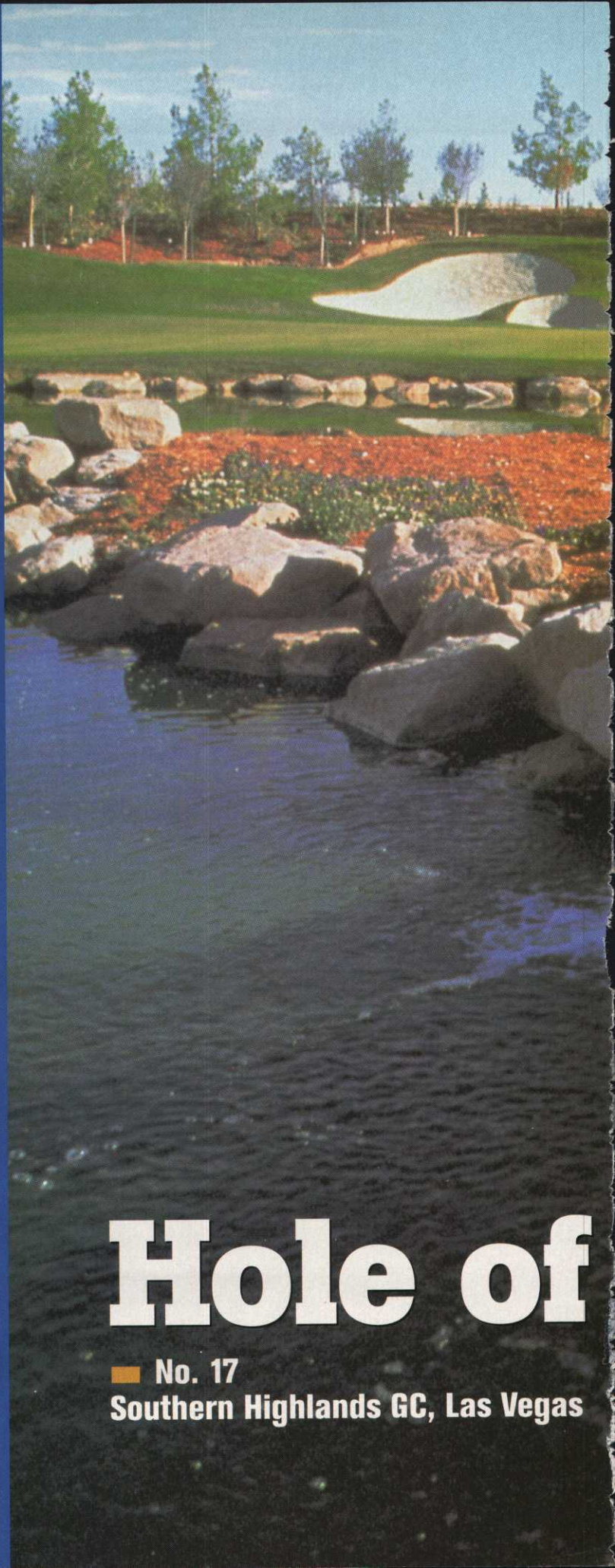
Southern Highlands is in the able hands of Riley Stottern, a CGCS with more than 35 years of experience. Stottern, previously superintendent at Casa Blanca GC in Mesquite, Nev., knew Jones Sr. for several years and worked with him and Jones Jr. during the building of Southern Highlands. The No. 12 green at the course was the last green Jones Sr. ever designed, Stottern notes.

“He did so much for the game,” Stottern says of Jones Sr.. “He was one of the true gentleman of golf and a great ally to superintendents. We had him a long time, and we should appreciate that.”

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