

Hole of the



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Atlanta Athletic Club
Duluth, Ga.

Month

Threes the Charm?

Ken Magnum, certified superintendent of the Atlanta Athletic Club in Duluth, Ga., says the par 3s on the course will decide the PGA Championship, held Aug. 13-19. On the 207-yard No. 17, as with the others par 3s, club selection is paramount.

"You need to choose the right club because you'll end up in the lake or with a difficult bunker shot from behind if you miss," Magnum says. "Spectators will see players misjudge club length and hit balls into the water," Magnum says he hits a 3- or 4-iron, depending on the wind.

Magnum says the hole's biggest maintenance challenge is keeping the lake from becoming clogged with algae. He adds that access to the hole is limited to one path on to the tee and one path off the green. As a result, he must aerify those areas more than other parts of the course.

Magnum says the course will favor big hitters, but he's hesitant to choose a winner for the tournament.

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