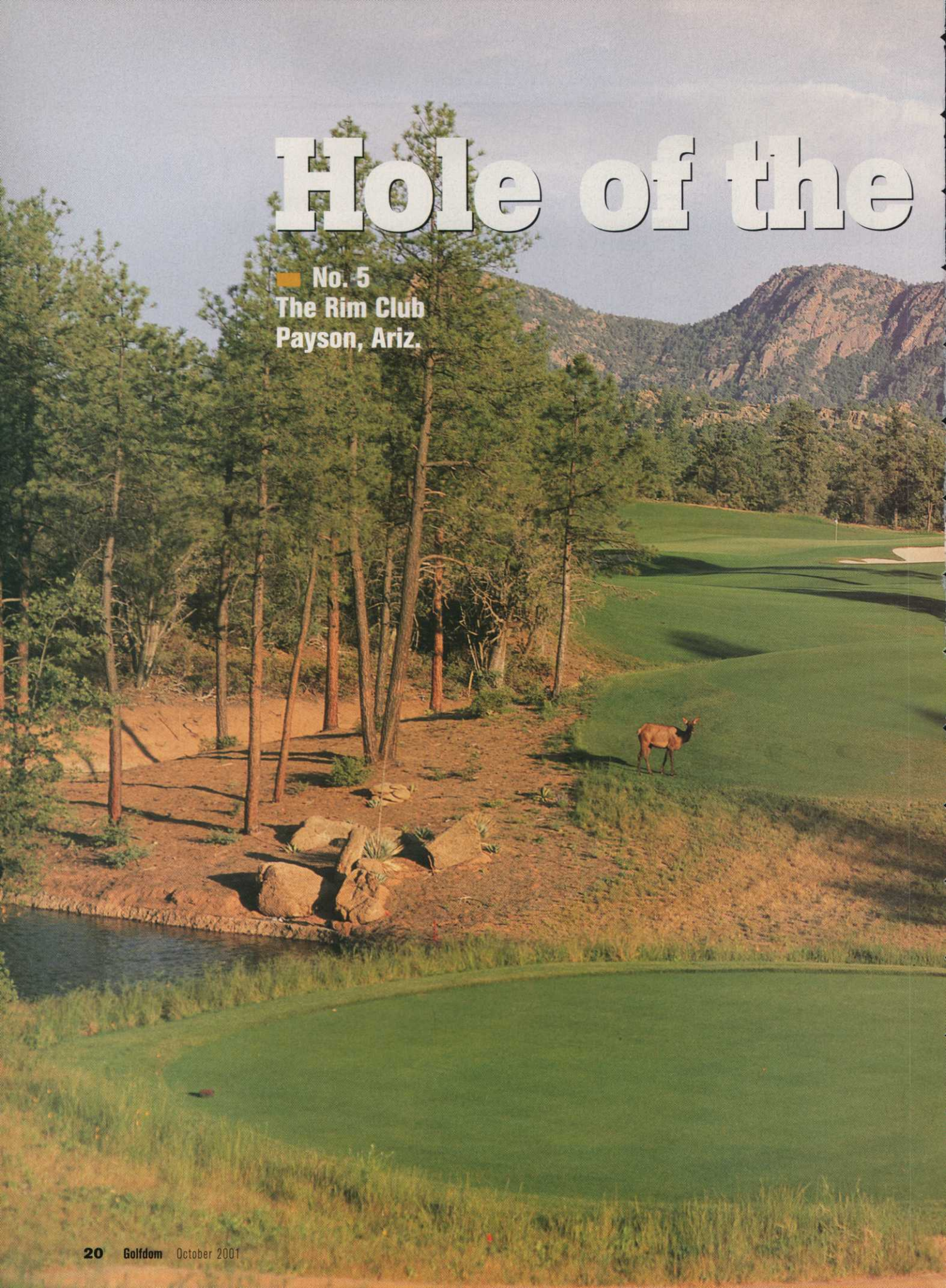


Hole of the

■ No. 5
The Rim Club
Payson, Ariz.



Month

Tough Choice

Paul Hammans, certified acting superintendent for The Rim Club in Payson, Ariz., says the decision about which half of the split fairway to play is the hardest decision golfers have to make on the course's 5th hole.

The 328-yard par 4 presents myriad options. If players hit their tee shots left of the trees and natural grasses, they have a shorter route to the green but have to contend with a narrower fairway and a pond. To the right, they must contend with big bunkers and a longer route to the hole, but the second shot is easier.

"You're not going to pull out your driver on this hole because it's not overly long," Hammans says. "When I play, I pull out my three wood and hit it to the right."

Hammans says the hole is fairly easy to maintain. The course uses a sulphur burner to keep the pond clean and the bunkers need to be trimmed. But there *are* the elk.

"They sure like to party at night," Hammans says. "They'll stand in the bunker and eat the tall grass along the edges, and they leave their droppings everywhere."

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