Hole of the No. 12 Lahontan GC Truckee, Calif. Golfdom December 2002



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Watch That Water

Water plays many roles at the par-5, 12th hole at Lahontan GC in Truckee, Calif.

The lake which stands to the right of the green on the 594-yard hole serves as a hazard for golfers, a fishing hole for the surrounding housing complex and a scenic picnic spot (complete with a grill) for everyone. It is also the lake that causes certified superintendent Kevin Breen the most maintenance headaches.

"Because it serves so many different functions, you have to be careful about how you take care of it," Breen says. "The lake needs to be clear so golfers and homeowners can enjoy the scenery."

At the same time, the lake is stocked with trout, which provides a great fishing hole for the locals. Breen says.

"We are quite aware of the responsibility we have to keep that

lake free from runoff," Breen says.
"That's why we only use organic
fertilizers around its edges. You
must prevent chemicals from killing
off the fish."

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