

# Hole of the

■ **No. 4**  
**Old Head Golf Links**  
**Kinsale, Ireland**



# Month

## An Ill Wind

As you step on the tee of the 427-yard, par-4 fourth hole on Old Head Golf Links in Kinsale, Ireland, you'd better have a caddy determine which way the wind is blowing.

The hole, nicknamed The Razor's Edge, sits atop an 180-foot cliff that juts angrily into the Atlantic Ocean. It's buffeted daily by winds ranging up to 20 mph, though they routinely gust to speeds of 35 mph to 60 mph, says Martin Galvin, greenkeeper at the course.

The winds splash ocean saltwater on the green, which damages the turf unless Galvin and his staff drench it with fresh water four to eight times a day. Dessication also saps water from the turf's crown. "I've spent the last six months researching what products we might use next year on the problem," Galvin says.

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