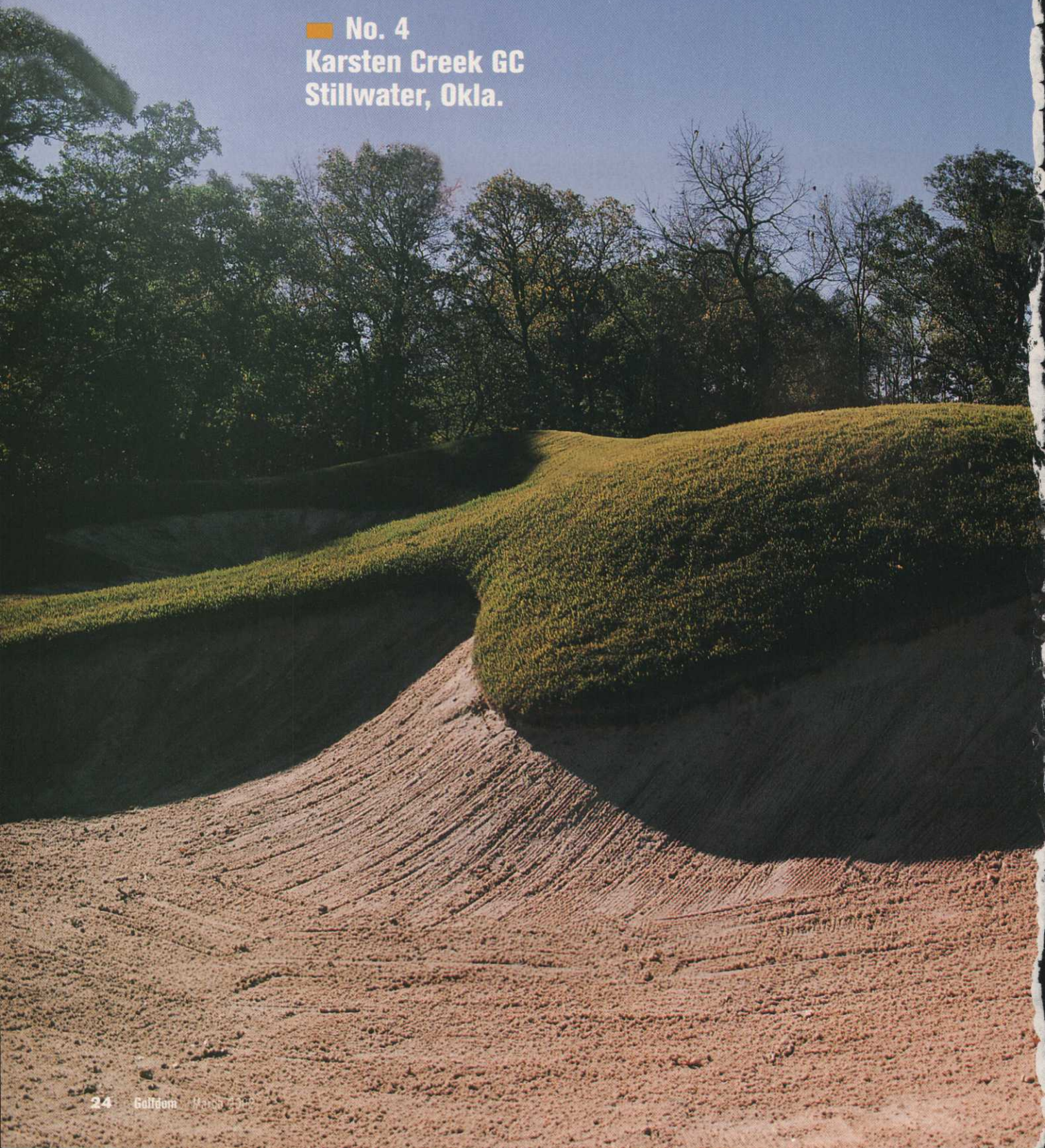


# Hole of the

■ No. 4  
Karsten Creek GC  
Stillwater, Okla.



# Month

## Flowing Strong

Karsten Creek GC opened to much acclaim in 1994. The Tom Fazio design was named in honor of the late Karsten Solheim, creator of PING golf clubs. Karsten Creek is one of the top tracks in Oklahoma. Superintendent Travis Levings is currently preparing it for the 2003 NCAA Men's National Championship, which the course will host.

Interestingly, Levings has been employed at Karsten Creek three different times. He worked as a laborer when the course was being built in the early 1990s. He left in '93 but returned in '95 as a member of the maintenance staff. He left in '97 to join The Honors Course in Ooltewah, Tenn., as assistant superintendent, but he returned again to Karsten Creek in December 1999 when he was hired as superintendent.

Levings says the 339-yard par-4 fourth hole is short but challenging. The hole plays into a prevailing southerly wind and has a small green. The biggest maintenance challenge that Levings and his crew face on the hole is maintaining areas near the steep creek, which runs the length of the hole.

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