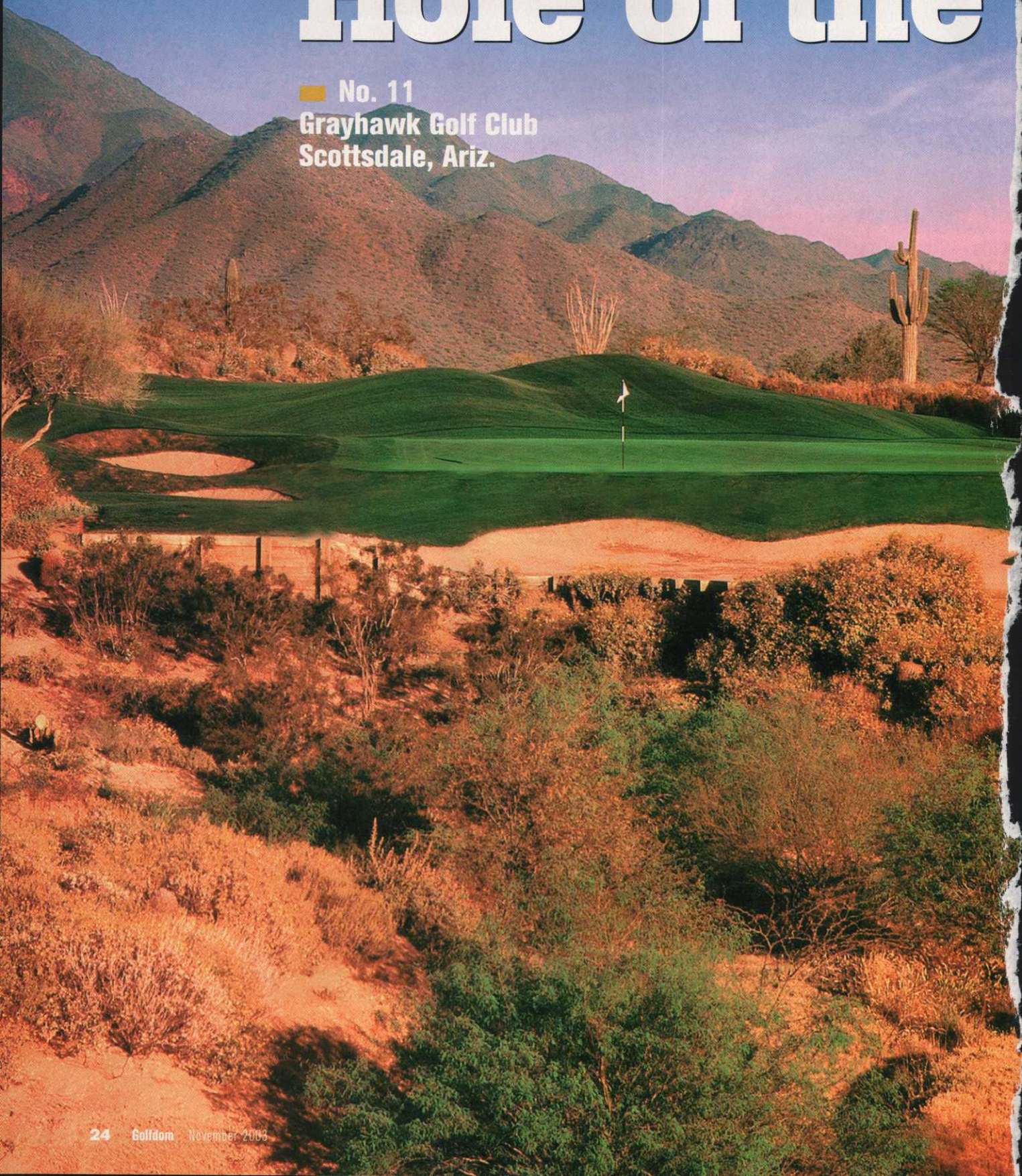


Hole of the

■ No. 11
Grayhawk Golf Club
Scottsdale, Ariz.



Month

Always a Challenge

The No. 11 hole on the Talon Course at Gray Hawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz. (nicknamed the "Swinging Bridge" for the bridge on its right-hand side) has always been a challenge for superintendent Ernie Pock – even from the time of the grow-in.

"We didn't have any ropes around the bridge during the grow-in, and we actually lost a topdresser that got away from a crew member," Pock says, laughing.

Pock says the undulations on the greens pose the most problems. A ridge in the middle of the green must be hand-topdressed in the summer months and carefully mowed to avoid scalping.

The Talon Course (and its sister course, the Raptor) will host the 17th annual John Deere World Championship, Nov. 12-15. The tournament hosts 33 teams, each made up of superintendents, general managers, presidents and professionals from the different clubs. The event draws teams from the United States, Canada, Ireland, Great Britain, Germany and Australia.

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