

# Hole of the



■ No. 16  
TPC at Sawgrass  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.



# Month

## Calm Before The Storm

The TPC at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., is most famous for its island green at No. 17.

But the 497-yard par-5 No. 16 is equally important – if for no other reason than players approaching the green can watch their competitors struggle with the island hole.

“Most tour players are trying to make No. 16 in two so they can birdie or eagle the hole and move up the leaderboard,” says superintendent Fred Klauk. “When they get to the green, it’s fair to say they’re watching the island green to see how their opponents are doing.”

As with all Pete Dye-designed greens, the 16th hole has undulations that make proper club choice imperative, Klauk says. The green is also guarded by water on the right, and bunkers on the left and in front.

Klauk says the biggest maintenance challenges are spectator mounds, which require small rotary mowers and hand-mowing to maintain.

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