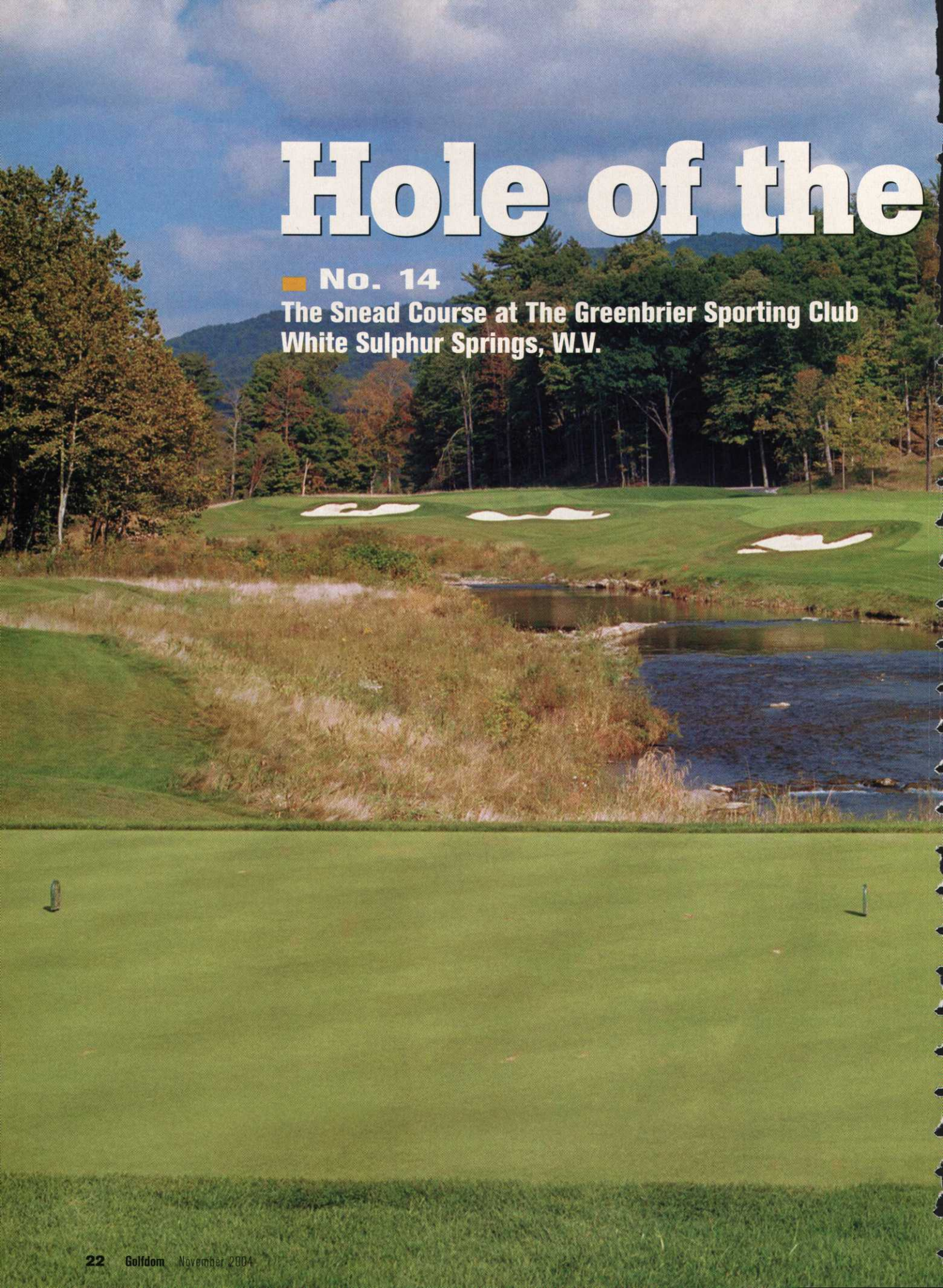


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The Snead Course at The Greenbrier Sporting Club
White Sulphur Springs, W.V.



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A Fine Tribute

The Greenbrier Sporting Club's "The Snead" course is named after what famous golfer? We hope your answer isn't Ben Hogan. Of course, the White Sulphur Springs, W.V.-based course is named after none other than the wondrous Sam Snead, who grew up in the area.

Lee A. Hancock, superintendent of the Tom Fazio-designed Snead Course, says the 447-yard 14th hole (pictured here) is one of his favorite holes on the course, which opened in the spring. "The fairway is contoured to favor a right to left tee shot to maximize length so that a player can avoid the bunkers," Hancock explains.

The shot into the green is straight up the center but can be tricky depending on pin placements. An errant second shot could wind up in Howard's Creek in the back of the green.

The maintenance issues on the 14th hole include the obvious creekside dilemmas, Hancock says. "Recently, during the remnants of Hurricane Jeanne, we had waters up and into the fairway, and washed silt and debris onto the course and bunkers."

Overall, the hole stands up for itself well, Hancock says. "It satisfies all the requirements of a great golf hole."

It's safe to say that Snead, who had a record 81 PGA Tour wins, would love the hole and the course.

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