

Hole of the

► Hole #7 | Candlewood Country Club | Whittier, California

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Month

Hole Stats

Distance: 555 yards from the championship tees

Par 5

The Turf

Green: *Poa annua*

Fairway: Bermudagrass/overseeded with perennial ryegrass during the winter months

Roughs: Mixed (perennial ryegrass and bluegrass)

THE SEVENTH HOLE ON THE COURSE AT Candlewood Country Club is by far the most scenic but also the most difficult. The hole is a 555-yard, par-five that superintendent Mike Caranci describes as a multiple-target engagement. You must be very accurate with long, true drives to position yourself in-between the course's signature candlewood tree on the left and a mealeuca tree on the right that overlooks the green below.

"You can make it to the green in two – if you're Tiger Woods," Caranci says. "But most people who try to bypass the approach between those two trees end up in the water hazard or one of the sand traps surrounding the green. It's really a challenging hole."

As a fourth-generation superintendent with 32 years in the business, Caranci also understands the challenges of keeping a premier course looking its best. Admittedly, Caranci says, "You can never know enough." This is insightful – and not just because it came from his father,

Thomas, who was a superintendent for more than 40 years. Thomas has also lived on Mike's course for the

past 14 years and occasionally assists him.

When rapid blight attacked the course's *Poa annua* greens, Caranci used Insignia fungicide to keep the disease in check. He then learned that his preventive fungicide program featuring Insignia also kept his fairways clear of gray leaf spot.

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