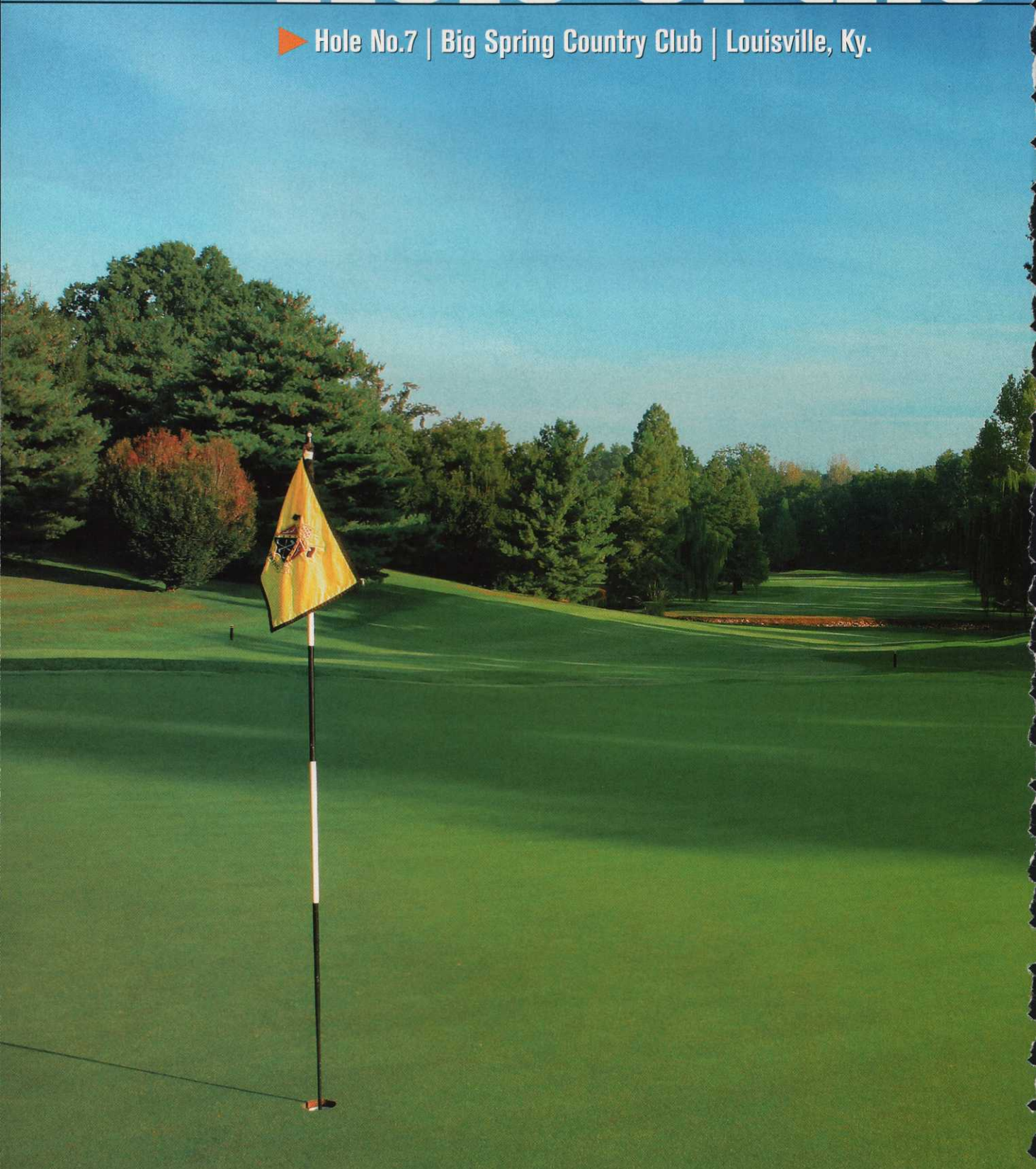


Hole of the

▶ Hole No.7 | Big Spring Country Club | Louisville, Ky.



Month

Hole Stats

Distance: 583 yards

Par 5

The Turf

Green: L-93 Bentgrass

Fairway: Meyer Zoysiagrass

The seventh hole on the course at Big Spring Country Club is a feat for golfers who haven't mastered a fade shot. A demanding hole off the tee, the initial fade requires follow-up by a long carry or the golfer is forced to lay up just short of Beargrass Creek. The green features three challenging undulations, making for a difficult finish.

"If you hit the ball on the wrong side of the green, you've got a full day's work," says golf course superintendent Bob Rogers.

Host of the 1952 PGA Championship, Big Spring was founded in 1926 and hosts 17,000 rounds annually.

Since a course renovation in 2003, one of Rogers' major challenges has been managing *Pythium volutum* on his greens. Relying on research from North Carolina State University, he monitors the turf when soil temperatures reach the mid-40s and begins preventative treatments with Insignia® fungicide. Rogers makes two split applications in the spring and fall and hasn't experienced any turf loss since incorporating Insignia into his rotation.

Roughs at the club were comprised of native grasses until the renovation. Since then, the Big Spring crew has been in the process of converting the roughs in the primary areas of play to fescue and bluegrass to provide more consistent play for members. Prone to brown patch, the turf is treated with preventive applications of Curalan® fungicide from late spring through the fall.

"We use Curalan to the full label rates of 14 days to 28 days of control and have been fairly successful in pushing a month out of the applications," Rogers says. "Curalan has played a good role in our rotation for treating an array of fungus, including brown patch."

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