

# Hole of the

▶ Hole # 11 | Los Angeles Country Club | Los Angeles, Calif.



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# Month

## Hole Stats

Distance: 244 yards

Par 3

## The Turf

Green: A4 creeping bentgrass

Fairway: Tifway II hybrid bermudagrass

Named one of America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses in 2005 by Golf Digest, the 18-hole North Course at the Los Angeles Country Club boasts 6,980 yards of championship golf designed by George C. Thomas Jr. (1911).

Bruce Williams, CGCS and director of golf courses and grounds, manages the North Course with 27 years of experience and a deep staff that includes a superintendent, a set of assistants and 24 full-time crew members.

"The No. 1 criteria in maintaining the course is knowing the expectations of the golfer and trying to meet those expectations," Williams says. "We work to find a compromise of what is best for the golfer and what is best for the plant"



Golfers expect a breathtaking challenge at Hole No. 11, which was named to Golf Magazine's Top 500 Holes in the World in 2000. The 244-yard par 3 features a reverse redan that requires a left-to-right shot to the elevated green.

To meet expectations, Williams practices integrated pest management and uses specifically timed products to control weeds and diseases. His year-round pest concern is kikuyugrass, which birds and water deposit predominantly in fairways and roughs.

"Kikuyugrass is bermudagrass on steroids," says Williams. "Though desirous at some courses, we'd prefer to play off bermudagrass."

Williams applies Drive® herbicide May through October at a rate of 0.37 ounces per 1,000 square feet. His crew treats three to four holes at a time with Drive, and he notes it controls 95 percent of the kikuyugrass on treated areas. The Los Angeles Country Club also benefits from the product's activity on other broadleaf weeds, such as clover.

"I highly doubt in this environment with our climate that we'll ever totally eradicate the kikuyugrass," Williams says. "But surely with the use of a product like Drive, I'm able to keep it in check."

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