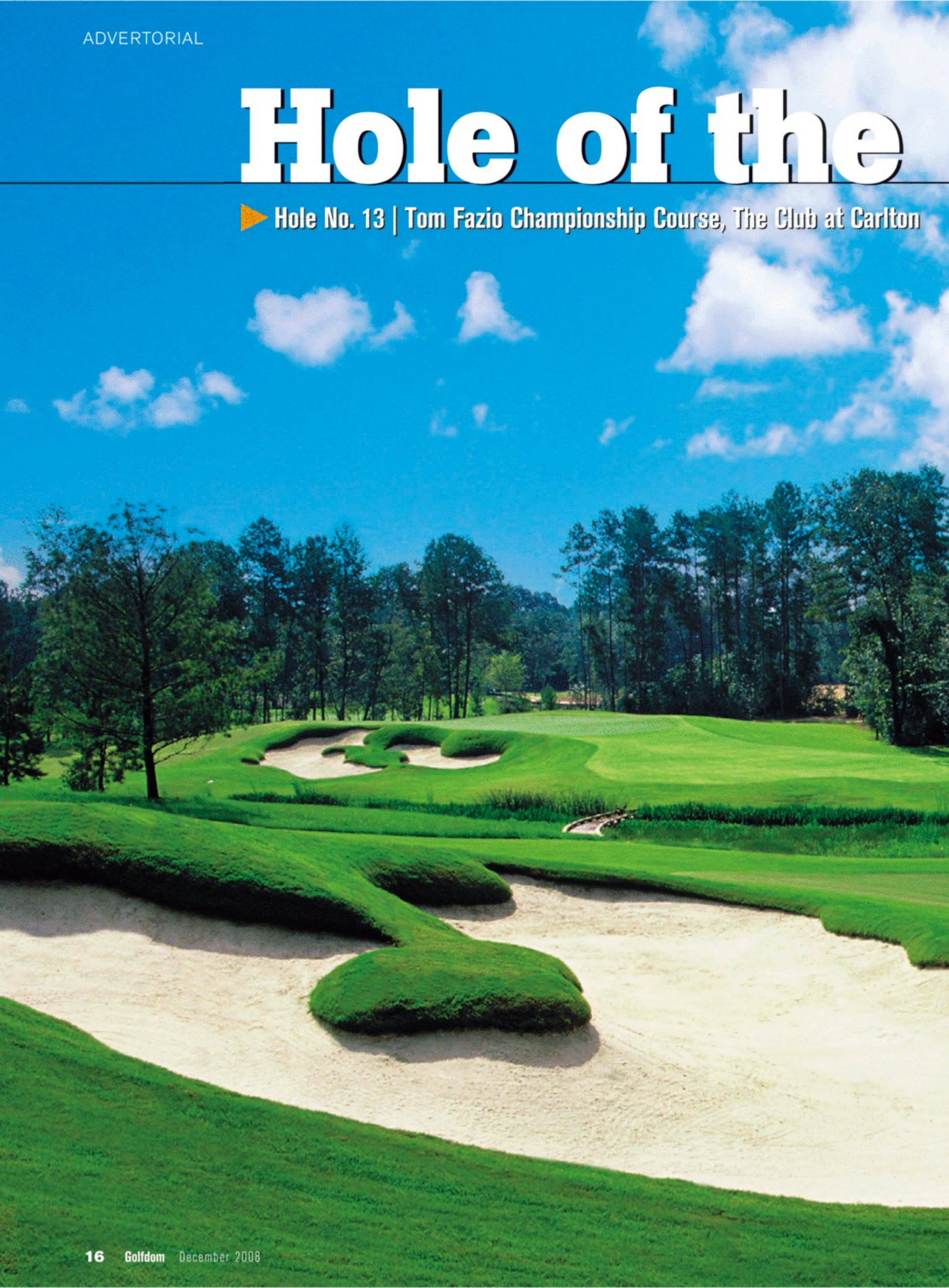


Hole of the

▶ Hole No. 13 | Tom Fazio Championship Course, The Club at Carlton



Month

Woods | Houston, Texas

Hole Stats

Distance: 438 yards

Par 4

The Turf

Green: Zoysiagrass

Fairway: Zoysiagrass



Like many Gulf Coast courses, The Club at Carlton Woods was hit hard by Hurricane Ike's thrashing winds and rains. Its Tom Fazio Championship Course lost 85 trees and suffered mild turf damage. But Golf Course Superintendent Eric Bauer and his crew had the course back in play in just days by following a plan that included extra disease prevention before Ike arrived.

Bauer says experience proves that prevention — no matter the circumstances — is the best way to manage tournament-quality turf. "I have high expectations for my turf," he adds. "Since my motto for our course work is 'equal to or better than' other top-ranked courses, it's imperative that I have the right preventive products in rotation."

Bauer, who worked with Tom Fazio and his team to design the course in 2003, knew players would enjoy the feel of zoysiagrass. But he also knew the species was susceptible to routine zoysia patch pressure. And being the only course in southern Texas to feature zoysiagrass on a large scale, Bauer had few peers to turn to for advice.

After opening in 2005, Bauer sought a product that gave his course extended length of control without hamstringing his budget since all 46 acres needed treatment. In 2007, test plots revealed that Trinity® fungicide was the best zoysiagrass protector.

Bauer saw 45 days of 95 to 100 percent preventive control at a low application rate of 1 ounce per 1,000 square feet. "I'm getting three applications using less product without seeing any signs of patch diseases popping up all winter," Bauer says. "I'm saving my club nearly \$10,000 and my course is much cleaner."

The unblemished turf at hole No. 13 is testament to well-executed preventive application plans that satisfy members. But while the hole's clustered bunkers, natural marsh and severe drop off look pretty, they don't play nice — they demand that players plan and deliver from first swing to final putt. It's all about strategy playing the turf and managing the turf.



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