

Hole of the

▶ Hole No. 13 | Torrey Pines, South Course | La Jolla, Calif.

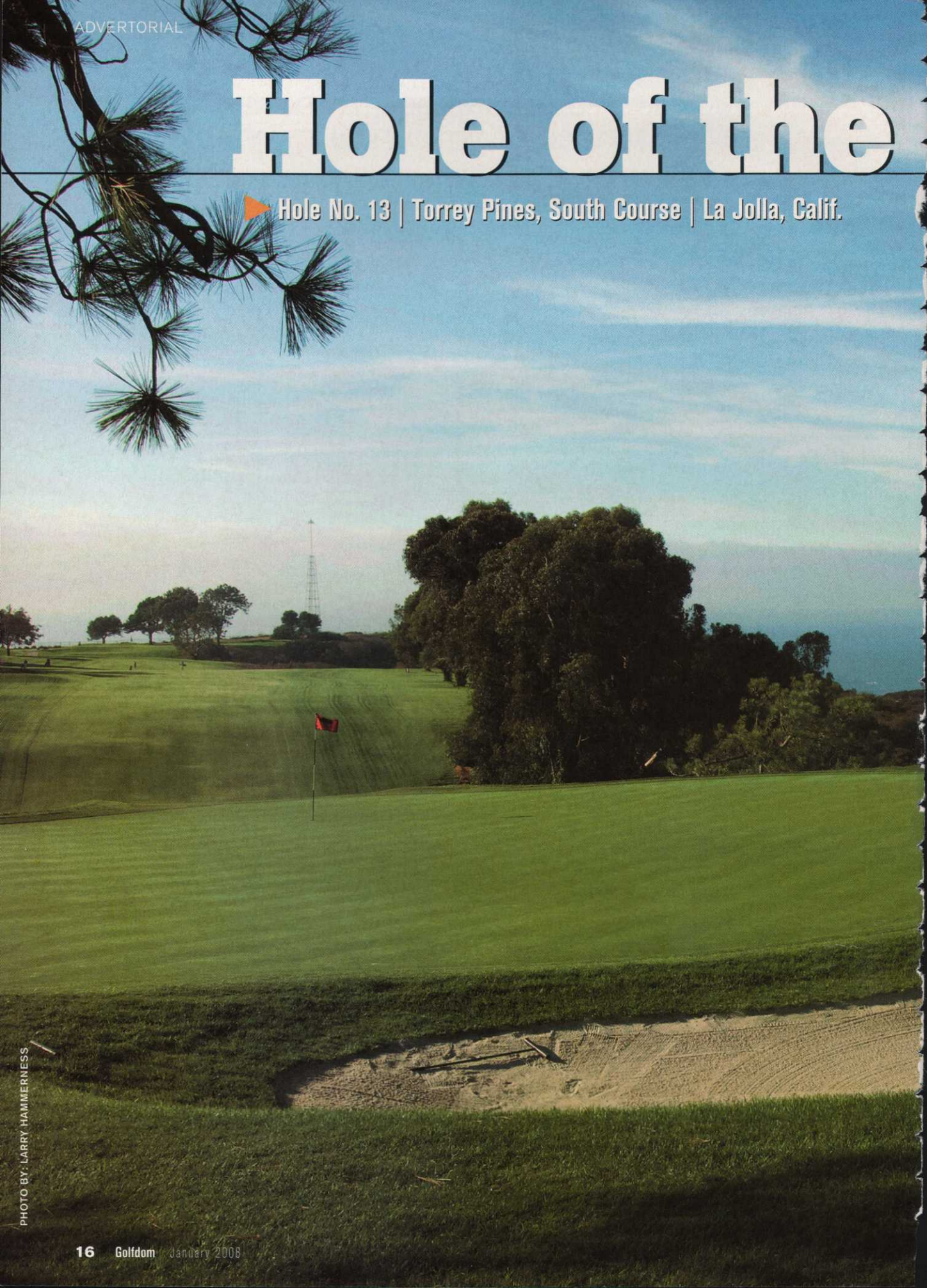


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Hole Stats

Distance: 615 yards

Par 5

The Turf

Green: *Poa Annua*

Fairway: *Kikuyugrass*

In June, more than 100 golf course superintendents from around the country will travel to La Jolla, Calif., to help Torrey Pines golf operations manager and certified superintendent Mark Woodward prepare for the U.S. Open. As a third-generation superintendent, past GCSAA national president and more than 30-year veteran, Woodward has earned the help he'll need for the course's Open debut.

Bound by mountains to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the south, this seaside municipal course is for the pride of San Diego locals as well as PGA vets, including Tiger Woods.



To challenge the PGA's long drivers at this summer's U.S. Open, Woodward's crew recently lengthened the 13th hole to 615 yards. With six bunkers and a narrow fairway, this par-5 hole will be one of the toughest holes of the tournament. The risk taker will attempt to reach the green in two shots, but the ball can fall away sharply from the green if the second shot runs short — and roll 45 yards downhill, making for a tough pitch. In addition to relying on volunteers to help prepare for the Open, Woodward relies on a preventive program for chemical applications, including Insignia® fungicide.

To target the continual challenges of rapid blight and gray leaf spot, Woodward's team applies Insignia at a rate of 0.5 to 0.9 ounces per 1,000 square feet on the greens and fairways in the spring and into the fall.

"We were extremely pleased with the results last season, and once we integrated regular applications we no longer had to worry about disease control and could focus our attention on other agronomic areas," Woodward explained.

Leading up to the tournament, Woodward will continue to apply Insignia on his greens and fairways to ward off any fungal diseases. "We can't take any risks," he said.

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