

Hole of the

▶ Hole No. 6 | South Course, Oakland Hills Country Club | Bloomfield

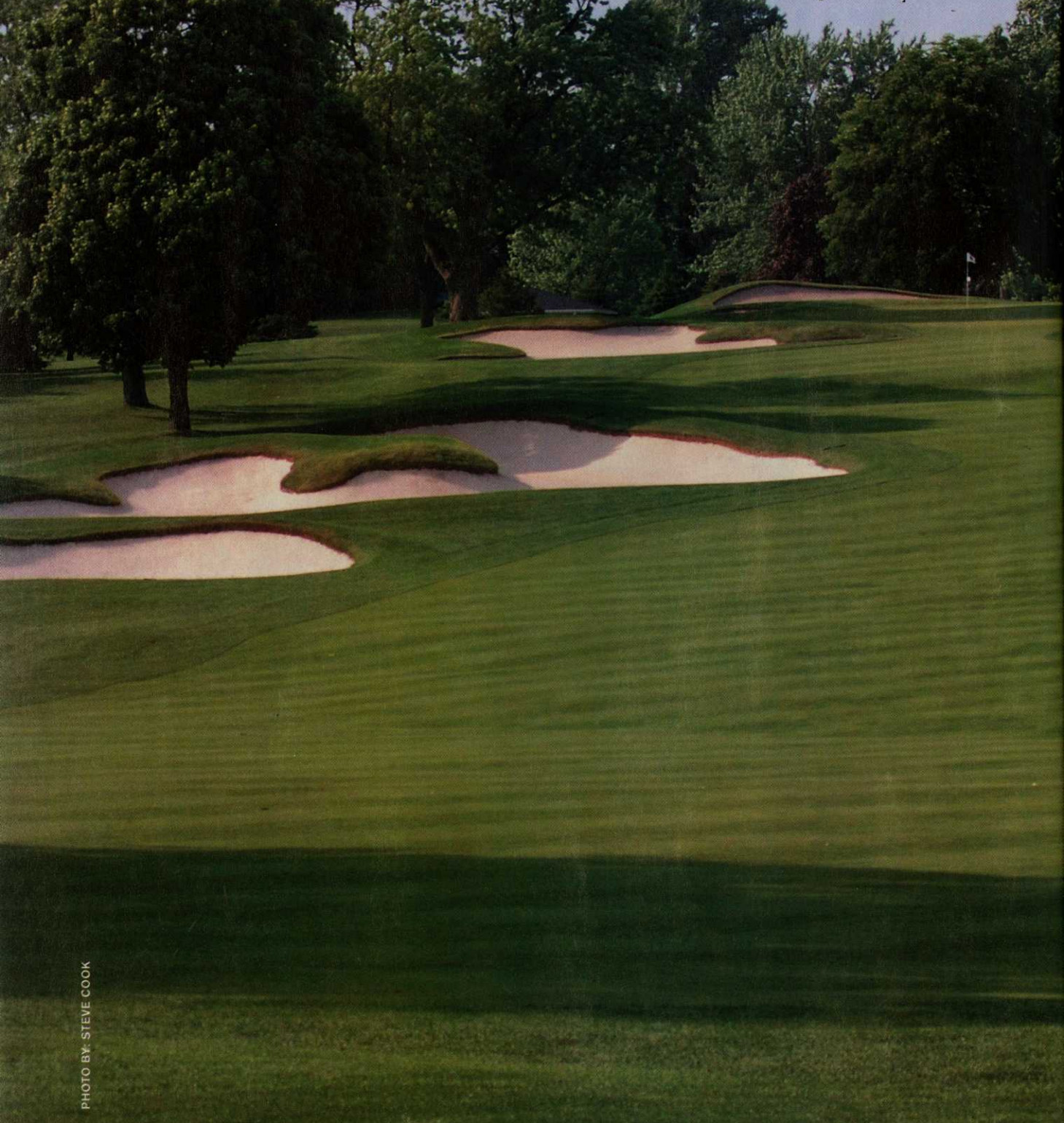


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Month

Hills, Mich.

Hole Stats

Distance: 387 yards

Par 4

The Turf

Green: Bentgrass & Annual Bluegrass

Fairway: Bentgrass & Annual Bluegrass

Ben Hogan deemed the South Course at Oakland Hills Country Club "the monster" after winning the 1951 U.S. Open with a 7-over-par score. Created by Donald Ross in 1918, the course design flows seamlessly from hole to hole along strategically plotted long and short drives that force gutsy shots.

The 18-hole course is one of the game's most treasured tournament venues, having hosted 15 major championships. In August, the 90th PGA Championship will be the first major

tournament to grace the newly renovated grounds, which were completed by Rees Jones in 2007. His father, design legend Robert Trent Jones, renovated the course in 1950.

Known to fuel a player's frustration and rally spectators to shouts, the two-tiered putting surface at Hole No. 6 demands an accurate short iron landing onto a 12 yard-wide terrace. Cautious golfers often shoot deep and land on an out-of-play fairway, while daring players shoot the shorter tee and risk landing in one of six bunkers.

But the real tournament battle begins with turf in the early spring and summer when conditions are prime for snow mold and dollar spot.

"Preparing for a tournament is the ultimate disease-management motivator," said Steve Cook, the club's golf course manager since 1997.

Cook, a certified golf course superintendent and master greenkeeper, applies Emerald® fungicide to the South Course greens and fairways at a rate of 0.13 ounces per 1,000 square feet in the spring and fall to prevent snow mold and dollar spot during tournament season. He also plans to expand his treatment program to the club's North Course.

"With one spring application of Emerald, we get control until the end of July and are able to save the club money," he said. To see past Holes of the Month, download a desktop image and more, visit www.betterturf.com and www.basfturftalk.com.

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