

# Hole of the

▶ Hole No. 12 | Kalamazoo Country Club | Kalamazoo, Mich.





# Month

## Hole Stats

Distance: 207 yards

Par 3

## The Turf

Greens: Bentgrass/Poa

The 100-year-old Kalamazoo Country Club swapped private-club rigidness regarding play and membership for a simple guarantee — a welcoming atmosphere backed by quality turf.

“The greatest thing about our club is there are few rules. No tee signs, no tee times. We just play a lot of golf,” said Certified Golf Course Superintendent John Fulling.

Members feel comfortable toting their children to the club for a day of golf and activities. “We made a concerted effort years ago to be family-oriented, and it’s really helpful in these economic times,” Fulling said. “From junior golf to tennis, daycare and nature walks — we’ve got it all.”

But the course is no kids’ game. With 18 holes spanning just 6,388 yards, the layout demands mental sharpness over powerful play. “Golfers play here again and again because control is a limitless skill to master,” he said.

The par-3 12th hole is a case in point for mental vigilance. Fulling routinely changes tee-box locations, which challenges players to hit over Whites Lake, beyond bunkers and alongside tree lines.

Even Fulling, who has maintained the course for more than 15 years, encounters new threats that throw off his routine. “Anthracnose and summer patch keep me on guard,” he said. “Anthracnose is a problem on edges where mowers travel. But you can’t see the disease until it’s too late.”

Fulling and his crew spray preventive applications of Trinity<sup>®</sup> fungicide three times a year at 1.0 to 1.5 ounces per 1,000 square feet using a flat-fan nozzle with 30 gallons of water per acre. “I’ve used everything on the market for anthracnose and Trinity is far and away the best,” he said. “We started using Trinity three years ago and have seen complete anthracnose control for 21 and even 30 days per application. I’ll never give it up.”

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