Hole 15 of the Month

The beauty of golf is its perfect marriage of sport and the great outdoors. At The Golf Club at Fleming Island in Orange Park, Mother Nature offers players fantastic scenery—but also presents them with a variety of challenges.

Florida native Bobby Weed designed The Golf Club at Fleming Island to test the skill of golfers while treating them to over 6,800 yards of serene, natural beauty. Conceived with two separate playing styles in mind, Fleming Island's links-style front nine possesses an open feeling and is surrounded by wetlands, while the back nine is carved from standing timberland creating a distinct sense of solitude.

The seclusion of the back nine may seem peaceful, but it is wrought with hazards. Take Hole #15, one of five par 3's at Fleming Island. Surrounded by mounds and contours on both sides with a green flanked by several bunkers on the right and left, Hole #15 is 195 yards of beauty that can become quite a beast for golfers.

Still a young course, Fleming Island has already earned significant recognition since opening in 2000. *Golf Digest* named The Golf Club at Fleming Island "The Fifth Best New Affordable Golf Course in the U.S.," while *Golf Magazine* called it "One of the Top 50 Public Courses in the Country For Under \$50." The course even served as a qualifying site for the 2003 U.S. Open.

The landscape also presents challenges for Mike Pafford, Golf Course Superintendent at Fleming Island. That's why he's used fast-acting Dismiss® herbicides since they first arrived on the market. Dismiss and Dismiss South help pros like Pafford achieve quick postemergence control of sedges and kyllinga while reducing future weed populations. "With Dismiss, the results on sedges can be seen overnight," Pafford reports. "It's the best product I have found for sedge control."









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