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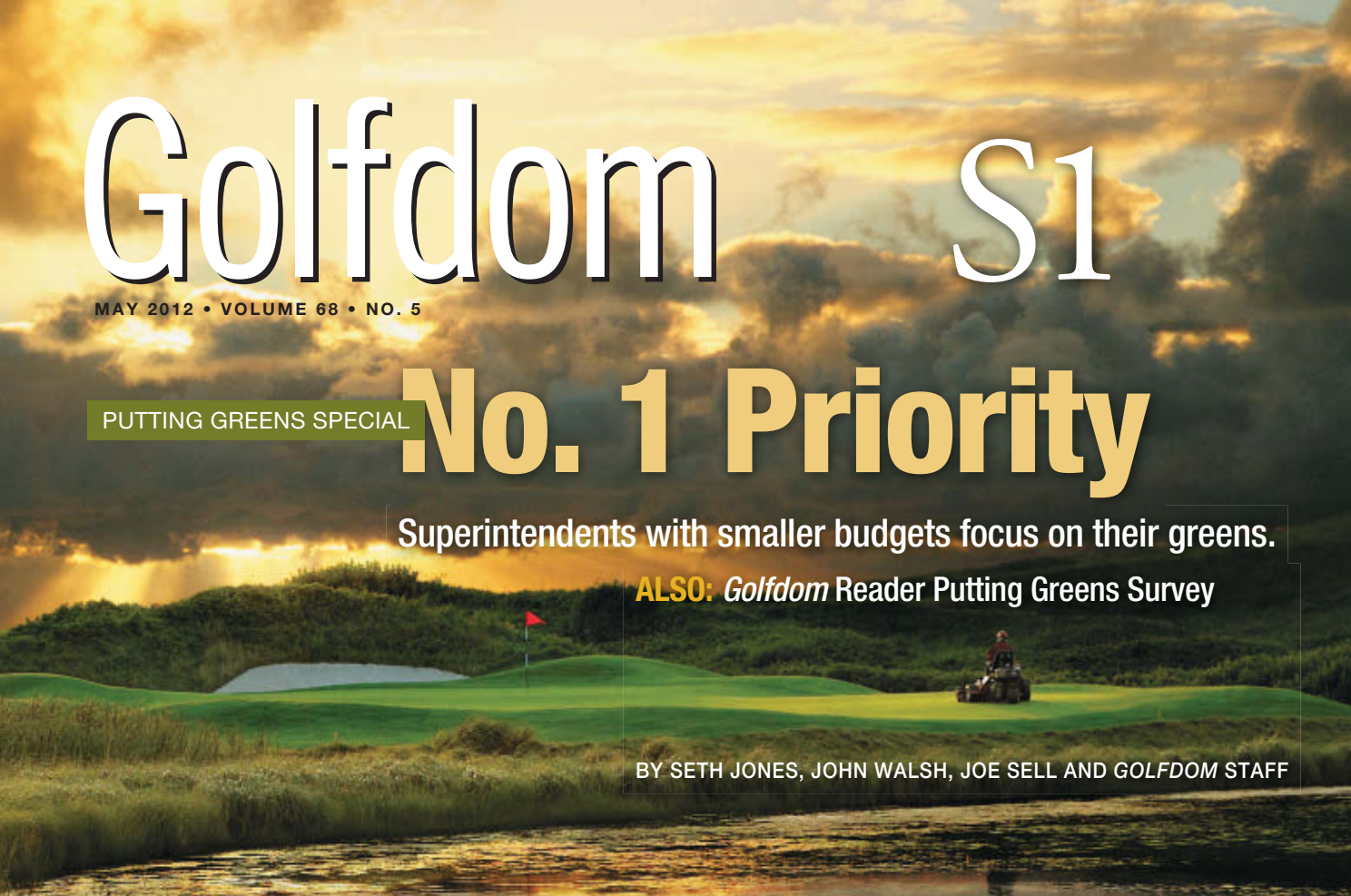
PUTTING GREENS SPECIAL

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Superintendents with smaller budgets focus on their greens.

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Aaron Ripplinger of the Toro Co. snapped this shot at Town & Country Club in St. Paul, Minn., where Bill Larson is the CGCS.

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