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About the Cover:

In honor of our unique golf course tour this past summer, our cover this issue features Whistling Straits. It is Pete Dye's latest creation for the Kohler Company and it promises to be a singular golf experience in Wisconsin. Ed Kirchenwitz and Michael Lee, shown on the cover, are WGCSA members who are driving forces in the project.

Thanks from the editor to Mike Lee for the help and financing and once again, appreciation to J.L. Eberhardt for memorable artwork.

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease, no comfortable feel in any member — No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees, no fruits, no flowers, no birds — November.

— Thomas Hood

"From this very negative poem titled 'NO' by Tom Hood, we can tell he clearly didn't like this transitional and sometimes volatile month. The Anglo-Saxon interpretation of November is 'wind month' for the British Isles, and it has lived up to that reputation in Wisconsin, too.

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