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### ABOUT THE COVER

Golf course artist Jennifer Samerdyke captures the essence of spring with her cover for this issue. It is a view from the first tee at the Wisconsin Old World Golf Club.

*"The snow is barely gone, gray drifts of it, Compressed to ice, still lying cold upon The frozen ground beneath (where shade Persists) – and then a gentle rain comes down, The first of the spring season's showers: soft Its fall upon the sodden earth, upon The matted grasses, bleached but redolent*

*Of springtime odors, mix of damp, decay And fresh green growth. Already hillsides show A delicate, pale greenish cast, washed as They are of winter's refuse. Myriad Young blades of grasses are there; pervading all An elemental tenderness; the year; With one small flower open, now come round Again."*

Spring's Coming  
By Victor Carl Friesen

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