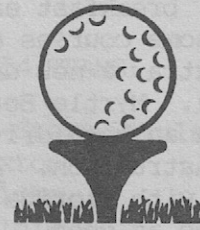
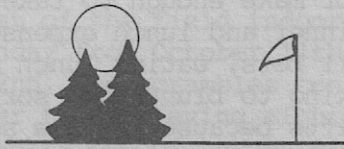


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Now that the David "Bud" Reniger Memorial Tournament has been added to the GLAGA golf schedule, I would like to thank those people who donated their time and effort in making the tournament a success: Jim Donahue, Steve Ruthenberg, the Reniger family, Ted Beekman, the MSU staff, and the State Journal Sports Staff.

If one looks closely at the top finishers in the Reniger Memorial, one will notice that eight of the top ten, including the winner, used the same brand of irons. Now I'm not a person than likes to draw hasty conclusions, but the numbers are starting to show that, under certain golfing conditions, it may be advantageous to have certain golf clubs in your bag.

Also, at last, after making an unsolicited historical review of golfing equipment companies, I have reached the following conclusions:

- 1) All make very good to excellent equipment for right handers.
- 2) Few make very good equipment for left handers.

A recent article in Golf Illustrated dealt with the problem of left handers and why there are no "winners" among them. Another article in an issue of Golf showed how some manufacturers were using Computer Aided Design and Computer Assisted Manufacturing (CAD-CAM) in building golf instruments. Such things are a start in helping the left handers.

It was nice to see that the GLAGA Women's All City Tournament was mentioned in the MSU-Florida State football program. Thank you Cindy Van Matre of MSU's Sports Information Staff.

And now that the golfing season is concluded, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you better golf in 1988.

*Burton Smith*

## MYRTLE BEACH TWELVE CAN'T WAIT

Going South during the winter? We are. (Todd Colthorp, Doug Hankey, Red McIntyre, Fred Ignatovich, Tedd Bratschi, Bob Aumaugher, Felix Ridsdale, Barry Dean, Mo Sharick, Jerry Sharick, Paul Kostamo, and Dave Barber) Seven golf filled days at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This will be the 12th year our group of local golfers has gone to MB. We started with 4 and got as high as 16.

Some of you get South and some do not. In either case we thought you might be interested in the details regarding one winter golf trip. So come along with us as we prepare for our annual trip to MB--January 27 to Feb. 3rd, the last week of the cheaper winter rates. Here we will provide you with some of the details that the golf magazines leave out.

First, here is the package we chose for this year:\$380.00 gets each of us seven days of golf. We stay in condos on the second hole of the Oyster Bay

golf course, 2 to a room, 1 double bed each. The price also includes carts for 1 round a day, breakfast each day, and sur charges (some courses charge as much as 15. extra, a new unpleasant feature at MB). Myrtle Beach has 44 courses within an hour drive with 24 more under construction. And there is no comparison with Florida courses--MB's are three times as good.

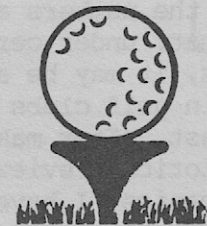
We used to drive, but will all fly this year--\$158.00 round trip from Detroit--one stop in Charlotte-on Piedmont. Colthorp is in charge of renting cars, so we will probably have 3 Lincolns again, cost for the week: \$60.00 each, per. Also, we used to have dinners on the package but wanted more flexibility this year, so figure 10 to 15 a day for dinner, \$70.00 each (some eat only Pizza, some eat free--chicken wings at happy hour). Lunch is a sandwich and an apple in the golf bag, a mass visit to the supermarket takes care of this. Losers of the first game of Euchre make the sandwiches. Cost, a buck a day--\$7.00.

Now the miscellaneous costs. We throw 12 a person in the pot each day, 6 for skins, and 6 for a four man team bet. Any other bets are on the side. Some have a drink or two a day to celebrate or commiserate. Winners usually buy (or get their arm broke). Some must include Euchre money. All bring money for gifts to take home. We also play 27 holes a day, 9 holes of scramble after the 18 hole medal. That costs around 5 bucks a day, at some course not on our package. Such courses usually only charge for the carts after 3:30. Finally, gas for the week at most 10.00 each.

So what is the tab each for the week? That depends on how well you play, and what you drink and eat. But a minimal cost is 380. + 158. + 60. + 35. + 10. = \$643.00 for package, plane, car, scrambles, and gas. If one plays well one can break even on bets or make enough to take a bite out of dinner and lunch expenses, etc. Losing all bets, eating lunch and dinner, drinking to blunt your sorrow, and buying gifts because you are somewhat guilty will raise the price to as much as \$900.00. STILL we have not found a package to match this in value for cost. Have you? Let us Know, write to GLAGA.

What was the cost 12 years ago you may wonder? The first year we went the people at MB did not realize that there were people in Michigan willing, even craving to play golf in 45 to 65 degree temps. So the Package was about \$23 dollars a day for room, golf all day, carts all day, breakfast, and dinner. In those days we drove, a 16 hour trip. Thus we saved on air fair and car rental. So a week's trip was between 3 and 4 hundred dollars total. Who was the fool that said that the more things change the more they remain the same?

Stay tuned for a report on Myrtle Beach in the next newsletter.



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MOTHER NATURE ALLOWS

SEVEN OAK LANE SCRAMBLES

Fall saw fit to permit seven Oak Lane Scrambles before the weather drove most of the field indoors. Held every Sunday from October 11th to November 22nd, the scrambles consist of two player teams playing eighteen holes with an entry fee of twenty six bucks a team. There were six different winners, with the team of Todd Colthorp and John Weurding winning twice. No team broke sixty this year, though four teams shot that number (10 under). On only one day were the greens frozen.

Like the Pro Tour the scramble field consists of pretty much the same players each week. Thus in addition to listing the teams in the money for each Sunday's tourney, I will list the individual gift certificate leaders for the seven scrambles. That should make it easier to pick your partner for next year.

OCTOBER 11, 44 TEAMS:

60 Doug Hankey-Bob Aumaugher	90.
61 Watters-Horn	70.
62 Kost-Donahue	45.
Kcwalski-Kowalski	45.
63 Allen-Anderson	30.
64 Hanes-Peters	25.
Whiteford-Dorer	
65 Cosgrove-Siegreist	20.
Kane-Fuller	
Bothell-Puppel	
67 Klewiecki-Woodruff 20th	20.
69 Shattuck-Seymour 30th	

OCTOBER 18, 54 TEAMS:

60 Bill Kost-Steve Wakulsky	100.
61 Belen-Truxton	80.
62 Bissell-Blake	70.
63 Peters-Waldie	37.
Anthony-Anthony	
Allen-Anderson	
McIntyre-Boynton	
64 Meirndorf-Seehase	25.
Colthorp-Weurding	
Hankey-Aumaugher	20.
Forrest-Armstrong	
66 Counselor-Counselor 20th	20.
69 Morgan-Merrifield 30th	
70 Retz-Schultz 40th	

OCTOBER 25, 46 TEAMS:

61 Jim Armstrong-Forrest	90.
63 Belen-Truxton	70.
64 Hankey-Aumaugher	45.
Kost-Wakulsky	
65 Ridsdale-Foreback	23.
McIntyre-Boynton	
Meirndorf-Seehase	
Piper-Kowalski	
Allen-Anderson	
Wakulsky-Wakulsky	
67 Peakes-Peakes 20th	20.
69 Whiteman-Truxton 30th	

NOVEMBER 1, 34 TEAMS:

61 Todd Colthorp-John Weurding	70.
62 McIntyre-Boynton	45.

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King-Holloway	
64 Warr-Armstrong	20.
65 Wakulsky-Wakulsky	20.
Bratschi-Barnes	
67 Meirndorf-Seehase 19th	15.
71 Baker-Wahnke 29th	

NOVEMBER 8, 38 TEAMS:

61 Todd Colthorp-John Weurding	70.
Joe Allen-Earl Anderson	
63 Peakes-Aumaugher	36.
Meirndorf-Seehase	
Peters-Waldie	
Hawkins-McNamara	
Murtaugh-Everett	
64 Truxton-Blake	20.
65 Cook-Cate 18th	20.
70 Beebe-Hartman 28th	

NOVEMBER 15, 38 TEAMS:

60 Dick Wakulsky-John Wakulsky	70.
Jim Armstrong-Forrest	
61 Allen-Anderson	50.
62 Peakes-Aumaugher	35.
Kowalski-Pingston	
63 Truxton-Wightman	30.
64 Simons-Kennedy	25.
Hartman-Beebe	
67 Morgan-Mereifield	20.
69 Ridsdale-Stewart	20.

NOVEMBER 22, 20 TEAMS:

62 Watters-Horn	60.
66 Wireman-Reis	30.
Anderson-Allen	
Johnson-Kennedy	
King-Holloway	
74 Morgan-Mereifield	20.

OAK LANE FALL SCRAMBLE GIFT CERTIFICATE

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1. Earl Anderson	120.
2. Joe Allen	120.
3. Bob Aumaugher	113.
4. Jim Armstrong	100.
5. Tom Truxton	100.
6. Bill Kost	95.
7. X Forrest	90.
8. Todd Colthorp	82.
9. John Weurding	82.
10. Doug Hankey	77.
11. Tom Belen	75.
12. X Watters	65.
13. X Horn	65.
14. Dick Wakulsky	56.
15. Red McIntyre	52.

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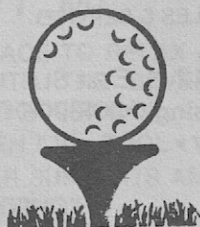
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## Hit by stray golf balls, two swing back

By DENNIS NIEMIEC  
and LORI MATHEWS  
Free Press Staff Writers

Two golfers teed off about getting hit with stray shots have struck back: A Troy woman was awarded \$19,000 Friday by an Oakland County jury, and a Roseville man has filed suit seeking more than \$10,000 in damages.

Velma Wild's collarbone was fractured Oct. 10, 1984, when she was hit with a practice shot by James Kusmierz, 52, of Troy. Wild, 57, said she was permanently disfigured by an "unsightly large lump" where the ball hit her.

Wild's attorney said Kusmierz was practicing with a new driver in an undesignated practice area and did not yell "fore" before his client was hit as she played the sixth hole at Somerset Golf Course.

Before the trial, Kusmierz said, "I love golf, but now I'm afraid to go on a golf course. It was a freak accident, and I felt terrible about it. I've always been a careful golfer."

Wild, in a suit filed Feb. 28, 1986, asked for \$3,880 in medical expenses and unspecified damages for scarring, pain and suffering, "fright and shock" and "embarrassment, humiliation and mortification."

Meanwhile, in Macomb County, a

complaint about narrow fairways — the bane of many a duffer — has resulted in a lawsuit.

Golfers are exposed to unnecessary risk from hooks and slices at the Oak Ridge Golf Center course because fairways are too close together, according to the suit, filed this week in Macomb County Circuit Court.

Daniel Piche says he was hit in the head Aug. 13 by a stray golf ball at the Lenox Township course. He is seeking more than \$10,000 in damages from the course and golfer Joseph Ernst of Richmond, the suit says.

The first and second fairways, which run parallel with a common rough, are built "like bowling alleys," said John Carlisle, Piche's attorney.

Piche says Ernst failed to yell "fore" after slicing a drive off the first tee. The ball struck Piche near his eyebrow as he walked on the second fairway, causing facial injuries and blurred vision, the suit claims.

Carlisle said Piche "is a good golfer, but not a good ducker without warning."

Ernst, a self-described "terrible" golfer, said Friday he never saw Piche after hitting the shot. Oak Ridge representatives could not be reached for comment.

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Highland Hills Scramble--Dave Cushion,  
Jim Dickey, Dave Beck.--63.

Indian Hills Invitational--Doug Hankey,  
John Weurding--129.

Portland Best Ball--Jeff Belen, Tom  
Belen.--132.

Oak Lane Spring Best Ball-- Todd Col-  
thorp, John Weurding.

All City Spring Best Ball--Jack Pitts,  
Tom Jamieson.--125.

Clinton County Country Club Best Ball--  
Tim Russell, Fred Stabley.

All City Match Play--Ed Cashman.

Michigan Amateur--Pat Chisholm.

All City Long Drive Champ--Steve Morgan.

All City Medal Play--Tom Belen.

Oak Lane Medal Play--Joe Allen.

Northern Michigan Open--Jim Donahue.--  
137.

Bud Reniger Memorial--Steve Wakulsky.--  
145.

All City Fall Best Ball--Tom Jamieson,  
Tom Jamieson Jr.

Oak Lane Fall Best Ball--Jim Donahue,  
Tim Russell.

Highland Hills Labor Day Scramble--  
Bill Kost, Steve Wakulsky, Jim Donahue.  
--63.

U.S. Amateur Qualifier--Chris Rule.

National Publinx Qualifier--Steve Wakul-  
sky.

Chisholm Hills Invitational--John Weurd-  
ing, Tom Jamieson.

All City Seniors--John Wakulsky.

Boarshead Scramble--Tom Blake, Tony  
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All City Women--Kelly Holland.--67.

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OAK LANE MEDAL TO

JOE ALLEN

Joe Allen ended up atop a pretty good field at the Oak Lane Medal in Webberville. Joe shot rounds of 65-69, 134 six under to edge Jim Dickey (2nd in the All City Medal) by two. Ed Cashman (the All City Match Play champ) finished 3rd at 138. Last year's Oak Lane Medal champ finished 4th at 139 tied with Dick Hill. This was as tough a group of competitors as could be found in the Lansing area this year.

Joe's good play was highlighted by his putting. He need only 25 putts the first day and only about 28 the second. Most players would be happy with 60 for two days, and Joe was well below that. Once again it looks like putting is the difference between coming close and winning. Congratulations Joe!

PLAYERS IN THE MONEY FOLLOW:

134--Joe Allen	150.
136--Jim Dickey	100.
138--Ed Cashman	80.
139--Brian Kennedy	80.
Dick Hill	60.
140--Bill Kost	60.
Gary Derosia	

FIRST FLIGHT:

142--Todd Colthorp	70.
Jim Armstrong	55.
143--Tim Russell	55.
144--Tom Endleman	40.
Andy Cusack	40.
145--Kevin Kines	30.
146--J. Althers	30.
G. Waldie	30.

SECOND FLIGHT:

149--Bill Gimpel	60.
150--Lee Peters	50.
151--Red McIntyre	35.
Bob Johnson	35.
152--L. Counseller	20.
G. Fishman	20.
153--E. Abel	20.
D. Burns	20.
154--I. Peakes	20.

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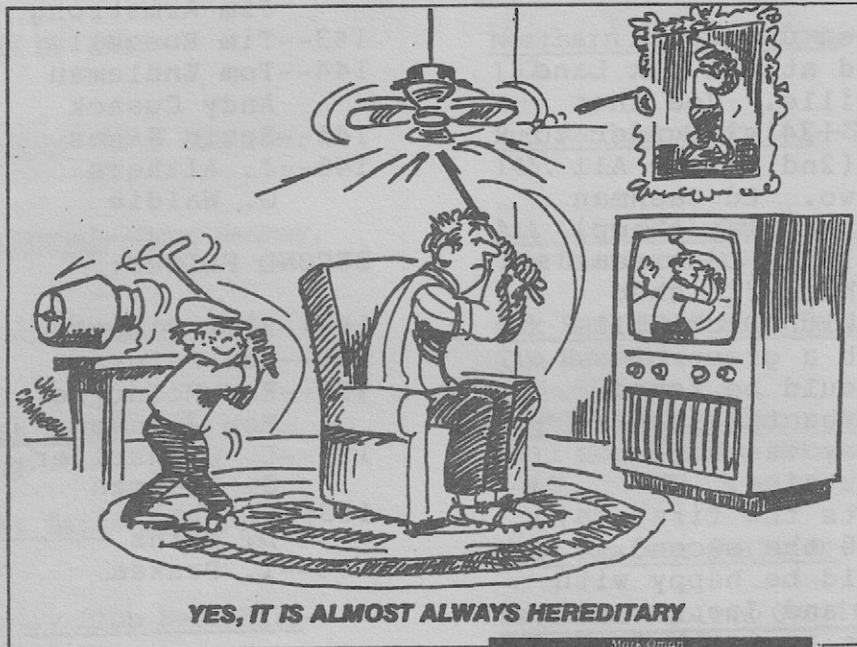
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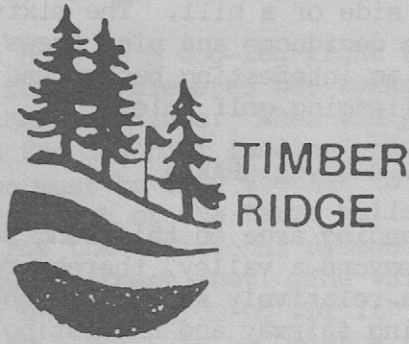
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#### TIMBER RIDGE NEWS RELEASE

Lansing is about to have a new 18 hole golf course. What follows is a news release from McKay Golf Properties of Lansing regarding the new layout.

"In Bath Township-East Lansing, Mi., construction has started on the Timber Ridge Golf Course. This is the site for what is destined to be one of the top courses in the country, and one that is likely to achieve national recognition. This beautiful property encompasses 192 acres with more than 80 per cent mature trees, several 65 to 80 foot hills and a 3½ acre lake. With this large number of mature trees and the rolling terrain, the golfers will feel that they are in Northern Michigan.

When completed and opened for play in July of 1988, Timber Ridge will not only provide a challenge for the professional and low handicap players, but more important, will allow the average golfer the opportunity to enjoy

playing the course. Timber Ridge has been especially designed with multiple tees and flagstick placements so that all golfers, regardless of ability, will have an enjoyable and memorable golf experience.

Jerry Matthews, the golf course architect, using his creative and imaginative talents, has designed the golf course to take advantage of the natural features of the site, such as the marsh, ponds, and trees, and has used the higher elevations for tee and green sites. This will ensure that, when opened for play in July of 1988, it will provide a natural appearance. The firm of Matthews and Associates, Grand Haven/Lansing, Michigan has designed numerous golf courses throughout Michigan and the Midwest during the past forty years. Jerry Matthews, a resident of Bath Township, and W. Bruce Matthews, III of Okemos have designed a masterpiece of golf course architecture and playability in their own "backyard" for all golfers to play and enjoy regardless of golfing ability.

Timber Ridge is being developed by McKay Golf Properties of Lansing, Michigan as a pilot project for The Public-Golf-Course-of-the-Future. It will be an upscale facility with coordination between construction, marketing and operation, a model for all others to follow.

When completed, Timber Ridge will be Open to the Public; however, the services and amenities provided will give the golfers a feeling of being at a private or resort facility.



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HOLE # 1, 420 yds. PAR 4

This inspiring opening hole at Timber Ridge Golf Course is a dog-leg left which starts from an elevated tee surrounded by pines. The landing area below the tee is just before a valley that crosses the fairway. The second shot from the tree lined fairway is to an elevated green protected on the right side by a large oak tree.

HOLE # 2, 360 yds. PAR 4

The view from the second tee is spectacular. The downhill hole is moderate in length thereby giving the golfer a rare opportunity for a birdie. However, with the pine trees and sand bunkers on the left and deciduous trees on the right, accuracy is important as an errant shot will be severely penalized.

HOLE # 3, 350 yds. PAR 4

This hole is a dog-leg left with a pond and natural marsh guarding the corner of the dog-leg and running along the left edge of the fairway. The fairway slopes from right to left thereby requiring an accurate tee shot. Some players may take the risk and cut the corner of the dog-leg to try and shorten the hole. The natural marsh area on the left is reminiscent of golf holes one identifies with the North and South Carolina coastal areas.

HOLE # 4, 170 yds. PAR 3

The tee shot on this par 3, the longest on the front nine, must cross a valley to a slightly elevated green built

into the side of a hill. The mixture of mature deciduous and pine trees provides an interesting background for this challenging golf hole.

HOLE # 5, 445 yds. PAR 4

The landing area on this long par 4 is just beyond a valley, thereby requiring a relatively strong tee shot. The rolling fairway and undulating green are bordered on the right by a naturally occurring marsh. The left side of the fairway and the green are protected with sand bunkers and trees thereby requiring accuracy in addition to length for the golfers' second shot.

HOLE # 6, 540 yds. PAR 5

This double dog-leg par 5 hole plays slightly uphill to the first landing area, downhill to the second landing area, and then somewhat uphill to an interesting green. The fairway winds through a dense pine forest. This hole begins the toughest stretch of golf holes on the course, known as "CASUALTY CORNER".

HOLE # 7, 370 yds. PAR 4

A solid tee shot on this downhill sharp dog-leg right places the golfer in position for the demanding second shot. The second shot to the green nestled among mature pines requires the player to hit over a large chasm.

HOLE # 8, 150 yds. PAR 3

This is the shortest par 3 on the golf course. Although a short hole, the golf shot must carry the chasm and come to rest on the elevated green protected by several sand bunkers. The bordering trees add interest and excitement to this golf hole.



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HOLE # 9, 525 yds. PAR 5

This hole is a dog-leg right that starts from an elevated tee tucked in among the pine trees. When the player reaches the downhill landing area a decision must be made whether to play safe and short of the large valley, or gamble for the additional distance and a shorter approach shot. The valuable yardage gained by "going for it" could result in a delicate wedge shot to the elevated green.

HOLE #10, 410 yds. PAR 4

The tenth tee is located amidst a pine grove and is high above the landing area creating another memorable vista at Timber Ridge. The landing area of the tree lined fairway gently slopes from right to left toward a fairway bunker. The long second shot is all carry to an elevated green surrounded by an assortment of Oaks and Maples.

HOLE #11, 200 yds. PAR 3

The longest par 3 on the course requires a shot over a pond to a green protected by a sand bunker on the right side. Usually, this hole is played with a long iron, but with a brisk northwest wind many players will need a wood.

HOLE #12, 330 yds. PAR 4

This relatively short par 4 is a dog-leg left through the pine trees. The sand bunker on the corner of the dog-leg discourages long hitters from taking the risk of cutting the corner. The rolling hills that converge in the landing area require that the golfer draw upon his skill and execute a shot to the uniquely contoured green, that is generously guarded by sand bunkers.

HOLE #13, 385 yds. PAR 4

The uphill tee shot required on this dog-leg left, along with the uphill approach shot to the green will make the hole play longer and more difficult than it would appear. Contributing to the difficulty of the golfers shot selection are the large amount of trees that limit the uphill landing area.

HOLE #14, 390 yds. PAR 4

This freeform tee is located on a

hill in combination with # 16 tee and provides a panoramic view of the golf course. The landing area of this hole tightens up rapidly with many mature trees bordering the fairway, thereby requiring accuracy from the tee. The rolling terrain of this fairway is typical of the topography of Timber Ridge and results in a variety of approach shots to a green with an undulating putting surface.

HOLE #15, 500 yds PAR 5

This is one of the longer par fives on the golf course and will play every bit as long as the yardage on the scorecard indicates, due to the uphill landing area and hillsides that effect the golfers second shot. With the green being tucked into the side of the hill a challenging approach shot will be faced by many golfers.

HOLE #16, 160 yds. PAR 3

This par 3 hole has water encompassing a large portion of the putting green. Viewed from an elevated tee it will be one of the most photographed holes on the golf course. The aesthetic appeal that this hole provides will add to the golfers enjoyment as well as challenge him and reward a good golf shot.

HOLE #17, 510 yds PAR 5

The water confronting the tee shot adds to the anticipation and excitement the golfer feels when playing this hole. The second shot on this long par 5 is slightly downhill to the landing area guarded left and right by large trees. The approach shot to the elevated green demands an accurate pitch.

HOLE #18, 440 yds. PAR 4

The phrase "a great finishing hole" has become a cliché, but this one merits the description. Because it is slightly uphill, it will play even longer than the indicated yardage. The long second shot must carry a portion of the four acre pond to the green nestled among pine trees on the side of a hill. This setting provides one of the most challenging finishing holes in golf and is the climax of an outstanding golf experience at Timber Ridge."

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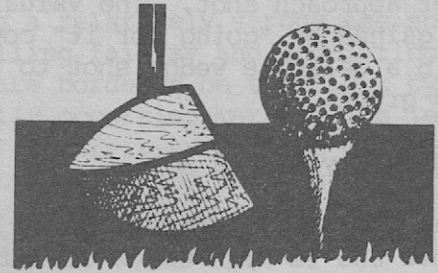
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