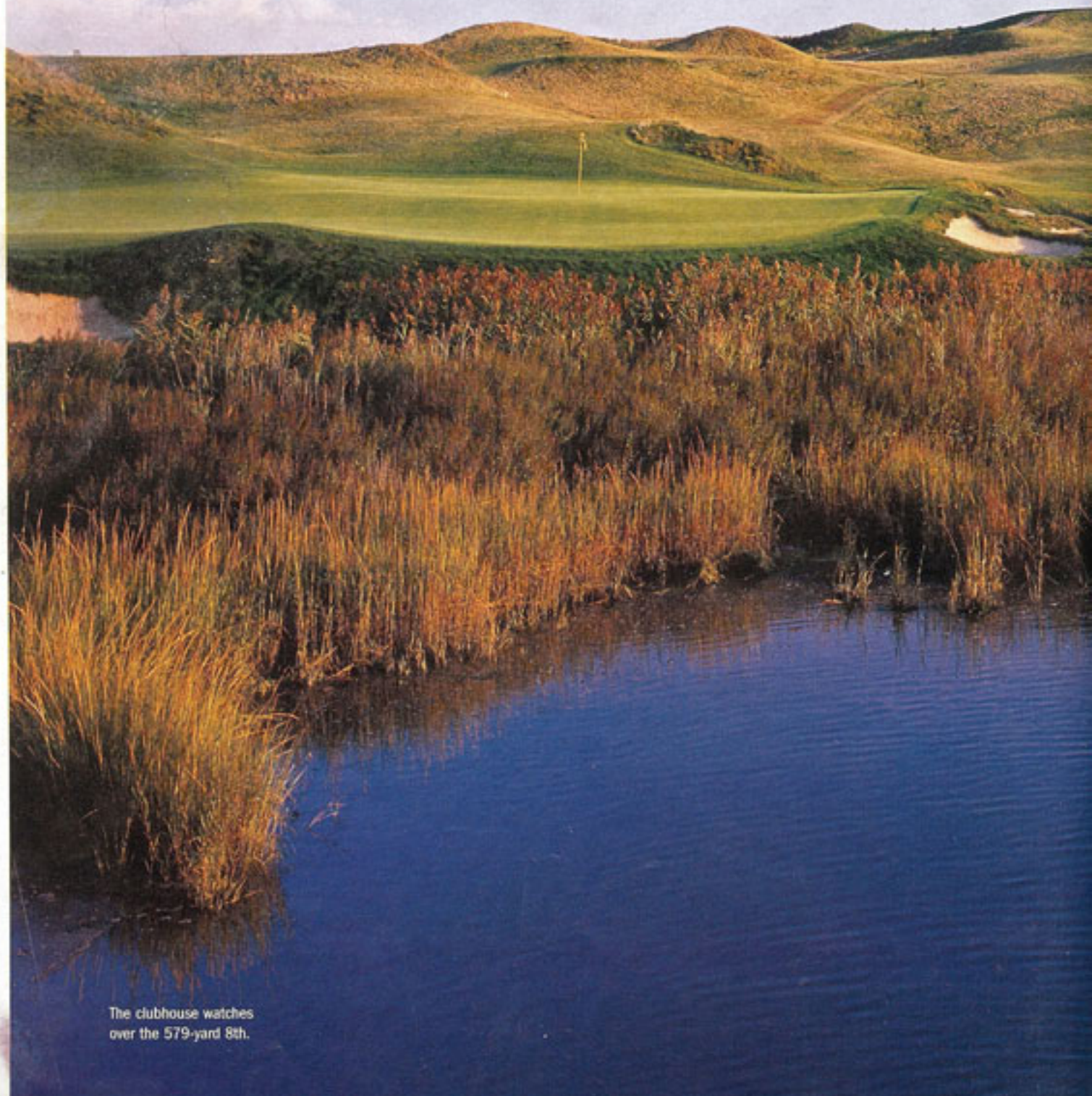


The Links modern classics



The clubhouse watches
over the 579-yard 8th.



Bayonne Golf Club

At this club just across the harbor from Manhattan, old meets new as the links-inspired layout transports golfers across the Atlantic Ocean

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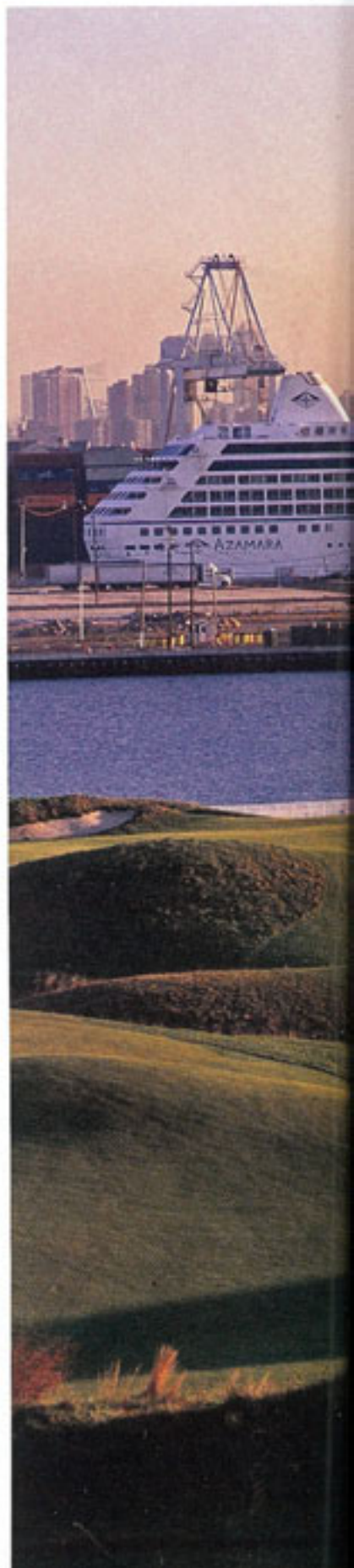


Even for the most jaded golfers—those who have stood over majestic bodies of water like the Pacific Ocean at Pebble Beach, Lake Michigan at Whistling Straits, or the Irish Sea at Royal County Down—the view of New York Harbor from the 16th tee at Bayonne Golf Club elicits far more than a passing glance.

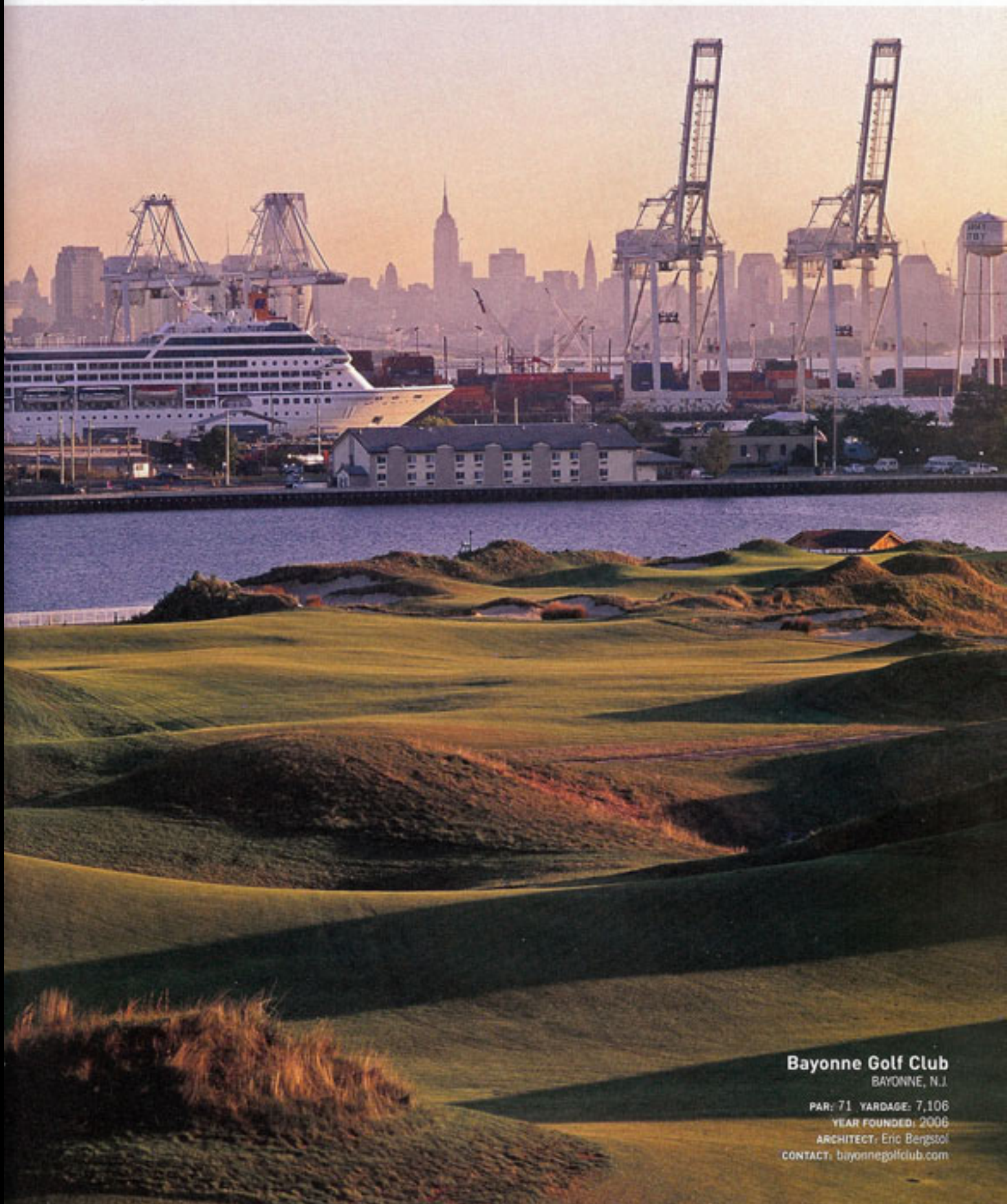
Beyond the green of the 486-yard par 4 that tumbles from the elevated tee, past the Statue of Liberty and overlooking the cruise ships heading for foreign ports of call, the skyline of lower Manhattan offers one of the most memorable backdrops in golf, and you will want to linger on the tee box long after your drive has come to rest on the fairway.

But after reluctantly making the trek to your ball, you'll find the approach shot to the large green, which sits on a peninsula extending into the harbor, can be nearly as exhilarating as the drive. As are most of the shots on this 7,106-yard faux links built on a former landfill.

In addition to creating the elevation changes that offer skyline views, *(continued on page 94)*



opposite: The green of the 424-yard 2nd hole.
below: An ocean liner is not necessary to make golfers feel
transported across the sea at the 16th hole.



Bayonne Golf Club

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YEAR FOUNDED: 2006

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Eric Bergstol used more than 7 million cubic yards of sludge dredged from the floor to shape dunes that look as if formed by the sea and wind as any land. As a result, when not depositing at strategic high spots from which to gawk at the landscape, the course rises and winds among the fescue-topped providing a strange sense of displacement. The mind knows you are in a blue-coast whose patron saint is former boxer

Even the most well-traveled golfers will want to linger at the of Bayonne Golf Club's 486-yard 16th hole which has a view of lower Manhattan, one of the most memorable backdrops in all of g

Wepner, the "Bayonne Bleeder," but it shouts County Sligo.

Which is exactly what Bergstol had when he conceived a course resembling Irish links on a site that originally had as flat as the helipad that transports the masters-of-the-universe members from Street, less than five miles away.

A longtime fixture in the New York golf scene, Bergstol has developed and designed several courses in the area. Bayonne no doubt will be his legacy-defining project, thanks to holes like the 16th, the 17th finishing stretch that fully highlights Bayonne's New York Harbor location and the place created by Bergstol.

The green of the 222-yard 14th sits on a slight plateau, inviting a creative chip for a missed green. The 316-yard 15th climbs a hill and has some of the best greenside bunkering on the course. The 491-yard par wraps around the harbor while the 18th climbs to a green that sits just below a newly completed clubhouse.

Players who have hit less than 100 drives on the 18th can aim for the clubhouse lighthouse, a fitting beacon at this bridge of modern golf architecture.