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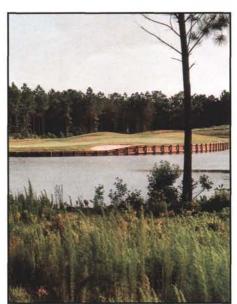
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When unrealistic expectations and environmental alternatives meet at a crossroads, choose the environmental approach. By Larry Gilhuly

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One of the keys to making golf affordable to the many young players taking up the game is to design courses that can be easily walked. See page 10.



Carolina National Golf Club (Bolivia, North Carolina) has initiated a significant naturalization program on the property, creating vast habitat areas. See page 19.