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GLORY GAME

No endeavor matches golf for the variety of landscapes it offers, and we have captured the unforgettable settings of the 10 most spectacular courses in the world



1. Old Head Golf Links

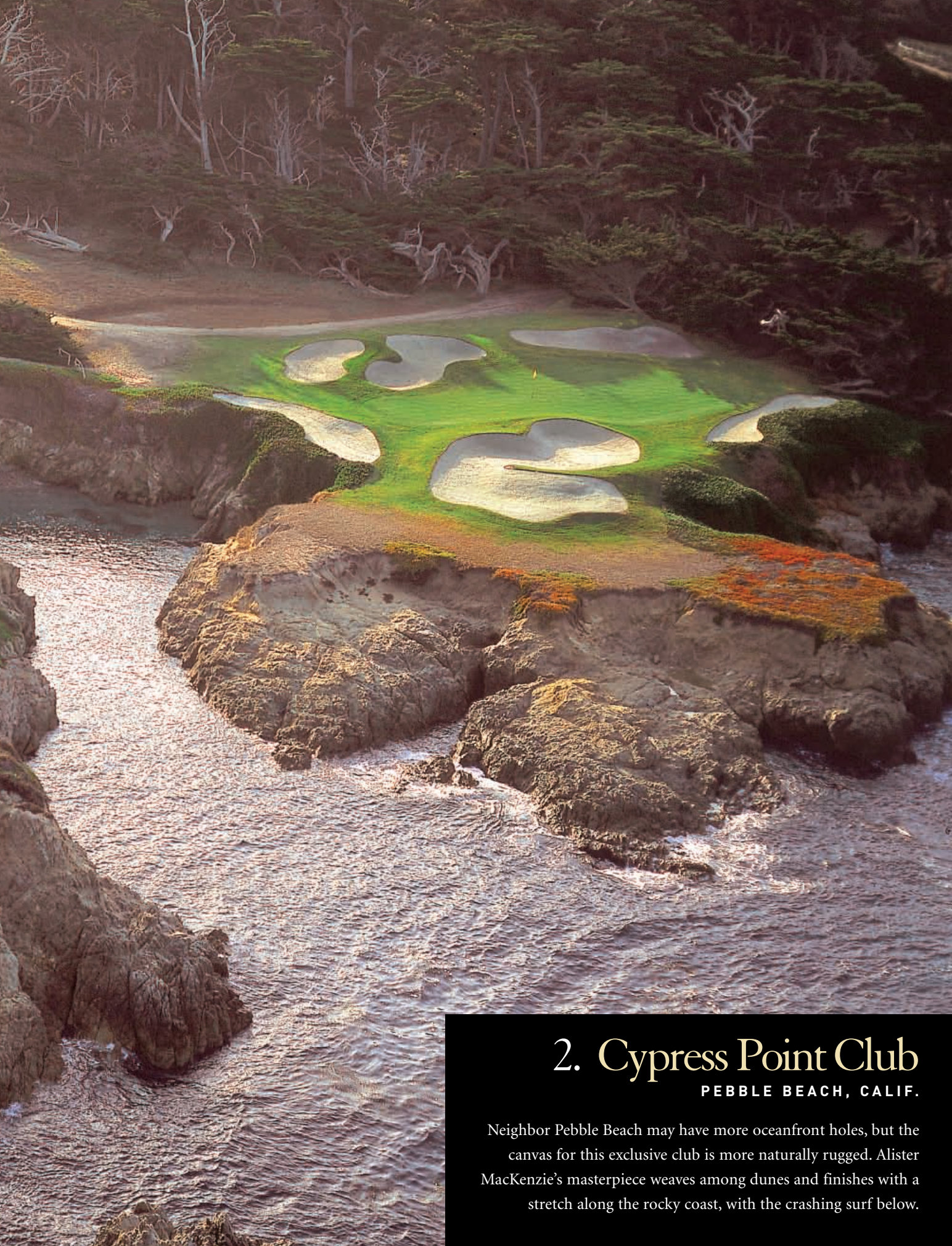
KINSALE, IRELAND

Is it a true links? Is it a great test of golf? No matter the question, the answer is the same: Find a way to get to this clifftop layout unabashedly set on a headland jutting into the Celtic Sea.

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2. Cypress Point Club

PEBBLE BEACH, CALIF.

Neighbor Pebble Beach may have more oceanfront holes, but the canvas for this exclusive club is more naturally rugged. Alister MacKenzie's masterpiece weaves among dunes and finishes with a stretch along the rocky coast, with the crashing surf below.



4. Black Mesa Golf Club

LA MESILLA, N.M.

The stark beauty of the Southwest frames Baxter Spann's mile-high layout, which looks as if it were transplanted from another planet.



3. Cape Kidnappers

TE AWANGA, NEW ZEALAND

Tom Doak's firm, fast-running holes seem to frolic and dance atop the finger-like ridges sitting 400 feet above Hawke Bay.





5. Pebble Beach Golf Links

PEBBLE BEACH, CALIF.

America's premier resort is still felicitous after all these years.



6. Whistling Straits (Straits)

HAVEN, WIS.

Pete Dye's paean to Irish golf is as biting as it is beautiful.



7. Weihai Point

WEIHAI, CHINA

Eight holes occupy an improbably narrow Yellow Sea peninsula.

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8. Pinnacle Point

MOSSSEL BAY, SOUTH AFRICA

The Pebble Beach of one of the world's best golf destinations.



9. Jade Dragon Snow Mountain

LIJIANG, CHINA

The 8,548-yard course sits in the shadow of 18,000-foot peaks.



10. Cabo del Sol (Ocean)

CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO

Desert meets ocean at one of Jack Nicklaus' best designs.