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### **Atlanta Athletic Club's 15th Judged Most Beautifully Brutal Golf Hole™**

**JOHNSTON, Iowa** – November 25, 2008 – The 257-yard, par 3, fifteenth hole at the Atlanta Athletic Club, Duluth, Ga., has been selected as a winner of the John Deere Credit search for the 18 Most Beautifully Brutal Golf Holes™ in North America.

The Atlanta Athletic Club hole was chosen from entries throughout the U.S. and Canada (excluding Quebec) by a panel of judges that includes Jeff Babineau, editor of *Golfweek*; Pat Roberts, publisher of *Golfdom*; Joe Passov, architecture editor for *Golf* magazine; and Gary Van Sickle, golf editor for *Sports Illustrated*. The judges rated each entry on the basis of the hole's beauty as well as its difficulty.

The toughest of the par 3s on the Club's Highlands Course, the hole is where David Toms' ace vaulted him into the lead in the 2001 PGA Championship. It will again challenge the world's best when the club hosts the 2011 PGA Championship. The long hole is guarded along the entire right side by a one-half acre lake that seems to have a magnetic effect on shots that are not hit perfectly.

"Long, long, long. Water. Bunkers. Now this is a tough 3," VanSickle says.

"Atlanta Athletic Club's fifteenth offers an outstanding example of how dedicated course owners, builders, architects and superintendents create and maintain holes that golfers talk about the entire year," says Steve Knutson, Director of golf leasing for John Deere Credit.

"John Deere Credit is proud to recognize these efforts and to provide golf courses throughout North America with equipment and lease products that help them keep courses beautiful and brutal," Knutson adds.

Georgia Turf & Tractor, with locations in Alpharetta and Tifton, Ga. and Pelham, Ala. is the John Deere Golf distributor serving the needs of beautifully brutal golf courses in Georgia and portions of Alabama.

John Deere Golf distributors can arrange demonstrations of equipment that will help golf courses maintain Beautifully Brutal Golf Holes. To find your local John Deere Golf or Consumer & Commercial Equipment distributor call 1-800-537-8233 or visit [www.JohnDeere.com/Golf](http://www.JohnDeere.com/Golf).

Photos and descriptions of the fifteenth hole at the Atlanta Athletic Club, the 17 other winning holes, and all holes entered can be seen at [www.JohnDeereCredit.com/brutalgolfholes](http://www.JohnDeereCredit.com/brutalgolfholes). The 18 Most Beautifully Brutal Golf Holes also will be showcased in a keepsake calendar that will be distributed to golf course superintendents throughout the U.S. and Canada.

### **About John Deere Credit**

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