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The Classic Club's 18th Chosen Most Beautifully Brutal Golf Hole™

JOHNSTON, Iowa –November 25, 2008 – The 564-yard, par 5, eighteenth hole at The Classic Club, Palm Desert, Calif., has been selected as one of the winners of the John Deere Credit search for the 18 Most Beautifully Brutal Golf Holes™ in North America.

The Classic 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 Classic Club hole has served as the finishing hole for the Bob Hope Desert Classic. Its nine bunkers cover more than two-thirds of an acre. The hole also is guarded by a lake that runs along the entire right side to a fast green that slopes toward the water. "There is no let up from tee shot to finish," notes Babineau.

"The eighteenth hole at The Classic Club 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 leases and financing that help them keep courses beautiful and brutal," Knutson adds.

AA Equipment Rental Co., Inc., a subsidiary of Arizona Machinery with locations in southern California, Arizona, and Nevada and Reed Equipment Co. in Stockton are the local John Deere Golf distributors, serving the needs of Beautifully Brutal golf courses in these areas.

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.

Photos and descriptions of The Classic Club's eighteenth hole, the 17 other winning holes and all holes entered, can be seen at www.JohnDeereCredit.com/brutalgolfholes. The 18 winning 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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