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Colbert Hills Hole Judged Most Beautifully Brutal™

JOHNSTON, Iowa – November 25, 2008 – The 600-yard, par 5, seventh hole at Colbert Hills Golf Course, Manhattan, Kan., 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 Colbert Hills hole was chosen from entries throughout the U.S. and Canada (excluding Quebec) by a panel of judges that included 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 Colbert Hills hole features a 200-foot drop between the elevated tee and the fairway with swirling winds. It is a hole that Lee Trevino once described as the toughest he ever played. "This is one heck of a test under calm conditions. With wind, it might be one of the toughest Par 5s around," notes Passov.

"The distance alone would frighten me," adds Roberts. "Include all of the bunkers, wind and undulating fairway and it's downright scary."

"The seventh hole at Colbert Hills 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.

Van Wall Equipment (Great American Outdoor) with several locations in Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska is the John Deere Golf distributor, serving the needs of beautifully brutal golf courses in these areas.

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Photos and descriptions of Colbert Hills' seventh 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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