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### **Legends Club's 13<sup>th</sup> Hole Named Most Beautifully Brutal**

**JOHNSTON, Iowa** – November 25, 2008 – The 209-yard, par 3, thirteenth hole at The Legends Club, Lakeville, Minn., has been selected as a winner of the John Deere Credit search for the 18 Most Beautifully Brutal Golf Holes™ in North America.

The Legends 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 hole is both beauty and beast. The first hurdle is to get the tee shot to carry 200 yards over the lake to a sandstone-faced green that is protected by bunkers on the left, right, and rear. The 8,000-square-foot putting surface features a swale through the center that makes any long putt an adventure.

"Intimidating" is how Van Sickle describes the hole, adding, "There's no margin for error."

"The thirteenth hole at The Legends 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 and lease products that help them keep courses beautiful and brutal," Knutson adds.

GreenImage LLC, with locations in Hastings, Minn., and West Salem, Wis., is the John Deere Golf equipment distributor that serves the needs of beautifully brutal golf courses in Minnesota.

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 thirteenth hole at The Legends 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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