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John Deere Credit Announces Beautifully Brutal Golf Holes™ Winners

Eighteen holes that serve up lifetime memories of gorgeous vistas and white-knuckle play have been selected as the winners of the John Deere Credit search for the Most Beautifully Brutal Golf Holes in North America.

Winning holes were selected in each of six regions from entries submitted by golf course professionals, superintendents, owners and designers throughout the U.S. and Canada (excluding Quebec). Each entry was judged on the basis of its playing difficulty and beauty by a panel 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*.

“These 18 holes offer outstanding examples of how dedicated course owners, 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.

The 18 Most Beautifully Brutal Golf Holes include:

Region 1 -- South Central and Northwestern U.S.

- Aspen Lakes Golf Course, Sisters, Ore., Hole 11, 450 yards, Par 4
- Cordillera Ranch, Boerne, Texas, Hole 16, 172 yards, Par 3
- Colbert Hills Golf Course, Manhattan, Kan., Hole 7, 600 yards, Par 5

Region 2 – Southwest U.S.

- Classic Club, Palm Desert, Calif., Hole 18, 564 yards, Par 5.
- Oak Quarry Golf Club, Riverside, Calif., Hole 4, 214 yards
- Tucson National -- Catalina, Tucson, Ariz., Hole 18, 469 yards, Par 4

Region 3 – North-central U.S.

- Legends Club, Lakeville, Minn., Hole 13, 209 yards, Par 3
- Sutton Bay, Agar, S.D., Hole 1, 661 yards, Par 5
- TPC at Deere Run, Silvis, Ill., Hole 16, 165 yards, Par 3

Region 4 – Northeast U.S. and Gulf Coast

- Butter Brook Golf Club, Westford, Mass., Hole 17, 416 yards, Par 4
- Grand Cypress, East Course, Orlando, Fla., Hole 5, 153 yards, Par 3
- Ocean Course, Palm Coast, Fla., Hole 9, 437 yards, Par 4

Region 5 – Eastern U.S.

- Atlanta Athletic Club, Duluth, Ga., Hole 15, 257 yards, Par 3
- Copper Hills Golf & Country Club, Oxford, Mich., Hole 9, 453 yards, Par 4
- The Creek Club at Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, Ga., Hole 12, 569 yards, Par 5

Region 6 – Canada (excluding Quebec)

- Fairmont Banff Springs Golf Club, Banff, Alberta, Hole 4, 192 yards, Par 3
- Blackhawk Golf Club, Spruce Grove, Alberta, Hole 7, 575 yards, Par 5
- Lethbridge Country Club, Lethbridge, Alberta, Hole 13, 397 yards, Par 4

“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.

John Deere Golf distributors can arrange demonstrations of equipment that will help golf courses maintain Beautifully Brutal Golf Holes. To find a 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 18 winning holes, and all holes entered in the contest can be seen at 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

Golf Leasing is a business unit of John Deere Credit, the financial services division of Deere & Company. John Deere Credit is one of the largest equipment finance companies in the U.S. with more than 2.5 million accounts and a managed portfolio of nearly \$24 billion. In addition to providing retail, wholesale and lease financing to help facilitate the sale of John Deere agricultural, construction, and commercial and consumer equipment, John Deere Credit also offers revolving credit, operating loans to farmers, crop insurance (as a Managing General Agent), and debt and equity financing and project management expertise within the wind energy arena. Today, John Deere Credit has approximately 1,800 employees worldwide and has operations in 17 countries.

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