



Hole of the

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The Legacy Club at Alaqua Lakes
Longwood, Fla.

Month

The Natural

The Legacy Club at Alaqua Lakes, designed by Tom Fazio, was built to be environmentally sound from the start. For that reason, it has achieved Audubon International's Signature Certified Sanctuary status and recently received a merit award from GCSAA for environmental stewardship.

Superintendent John Kopack says 60 acres of natural ponds were created and 55 acres of wetlands were restored when the course was built in the fall of 1998. The 404-yard 18th hole, an uphill par-4, is Kopack's favorite. He enjoys the view from the tee – gorgeous woods on the left and a beautiful lake in front. It's not an easy hole. Golfers must carry the lake off the tee. The second shot is straight uphill, but golfers must beware of a sinkhole – "The Pit!"

As for maintenance challenges, Kopack and his crew must tend to steep bunkers around the green, which take extra effort to groom. "There's also a lot of shade on the hole that makes it agronomically challenging," Kopack says.

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