



Hole of the

■ No. 16

Tournament Players Club at Deere Run
Silvis, Ill.

Month

'Mother Earth'

PGA pro D.A. Weibring was the perfect person – and maybe the only person – to design the Tournament Players Club at Deere Run in Silvis, Ill., which opened in 2000 and is the home of the John Deere Classic, set for July 25-28. Weibring was the right guy because he *knows* the event – he's won it three times. (Incidentally, the John Deere Classic is the only event that holds a pro-am for superintendents.)

Weibring, an Illinois native, is a 24-year veteran of the PGA Tour and operates a design and consulting company. He designed the course around the Rock River. The 16th hole, the track's signature hole, is called "Mother Earth." The par 3 sits on a bluff 40 feet above the Rock River, located to the left.

Chris Hague, who joined Deere Run in March as its certified superintendent, calls the course "a beautiful piece of property." He says No. 16 is easy to maintain because it's so natural. But it's a tight play and a fairly difficult hole, he adds.

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