## Hole of the

Hole # 15 | Brier Creek Country Club | Haleigh, NC PHOTO BY: MICHAEL BACK PHOTOGRAPHY, WWW.MICHAELBACK.COM



Few golf courses have hosted the likes of NFL superstars Torry and Terrence Holt, Donovan McNabb, Marshall Faulk and Larry Fitzgerald - all on one day. But Brier Creek Country Club can claim such bragging rights.

Located in Raleigh, N.C., Brier Creek is home to the Holt Brothers' Golf Classic, where NFL players swing their clubs to raise money for The Holt Foundation, which assists families facing cancer.

Superintendent Michael Hag, an avid football fan,

enjoys this high-profile tournament because it benefits people facing life-changing challenges. He also appreciates the Holt brothers for their long connection to the area.

"Both Torry and Terrance played for N.C. State," Hag explained. "They decided to stay close to their roots and host this tournament here in Raleigh."

Hag maintains the award-winning Arnold Palmer-signature course in tournament-ready condition. After undergoing a bunker renovation this year, the course's featured Hole No.

15 - a 531-yard par 5 - now challenges

players with multiple sand and water hazards.

Haq's biggest obstacle when he first came to Brier Creek was managing a severe Pythium volutum outbreak. He overcame it with Insignia® fungicide. "We applied Insignia at a rate of .9 oz/m every 28 days for the first year, followed by two years of preventative applications, spraying three times in the spring and twice in the fall at .5 oz/m," Hag explained.

"I've seen excellent control with Insignia and haven't faced an outbreak of Pythium volutum for two years."

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