

# Hole of the Month

HOLE NO.

7

THE OLD COURSE, BROKEN SOUND

Originally created in the 1980s by famed course architect Joe Lee, The Old Course at Broken Sound Country Club has recently been given a whole new set of teeth thanks to the imaginative trap designs conceived and implemented by award-winning designer Gene Bates. The celebrated course hosts many state and national events, including the Allianz Championship of the PGA Champions Tour for the past four years.

Playing to just under 300 yards from the back tee, Hole No. 7 might seem like an easy birdie with potential for an eagle. In reality, members of this private course must carry the corner of the pristine lake and an intimidating quarter-acre of sand just to make the fairway. This beautiful birdie bait can just as easily leave you with a double bogey – which might ruin one's mood, if it weren't for the breathtaking piney woods and abundance of wildlife that surround the hole.

But it was this very wildlife that was causing headaches for Joe Hubbard, Director of Golf Course Operations for Broken Sound. Hungry raccoons and armadillos had ravaged the fairways and roughs in search of insects, creating significant damage when the course was at its busiest. After being disappointed with the results he had gotten with other products, Hubbard chose the solution that was already being used to protect the club's other larger course. That solution was Talstar® insecticide. "Talstar helped eradicate and repel the sod webworms, armyworms and a host of other insects to keep damage to a minimum for aesthetics and play," Hubbard said. "It is our 'go to' insecticide." Now the only problem spots on No. 7 are the devilish pin placement possibilities available for a challenging course setup. Good or bad, it's 290 yards a golfer won't soon forget.

## HOLE STATS

Distance: 290 yards, Par 4

## THE TURF

Green: TrifEagle Bermudagrass

Fairway: TrifSport Bermudagrass



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