

# Hole of the Month

HOLE NO.

7

IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB  
► LEXINGTON, KY

Perhaps the most influential course architect in history, Donald Ross helped design nearly 600 courses across his celebrated career. But you'll only find one of them in the entire Bluegrass State: Idle Hour Country Club. Located in the historical district of downtown Lexington, Idle Hour boasts 7,018 yards of classic Ross construction, including what has become his signature: extraordinarily challenging putting surfaces.

Take the severely undulating green of hole 7. Named "Assault" after the 1946 Triple Crown-winning Thoroughbred owned by one of the club's members, this par 4 tests a golfer's accuracy and nerve from start to finish. Simply making it to the putting surface is no easy feat – the approach is drastically uphill and over water, and those who miss the green often end up fishing for their ball.

Charged with caring for the trademark greens and all 180 acres of Idle Hour is Course Superintendent Ben Barnes. To keep the course playing as Ross intended, Ben and his crew must contend with invaders like silvery thread moss and pythium. Finding solutions that work without damaging sensitive turf makes this an even bigger challenge for the Idle Hour team.

Ben trusts products from FMC Professional Solutions to protect critical areas like the bentgrass putting surfaces. "We've used QuickSilver® herbicide on our greens for moss control for the past two years," says Barnes. "The control of the silvery thread moss has been excellent with no injury to our desirable turf." Continues Barnes, "we also currently use Segway® fungicide in our spray programs to defend against pythium."

With effective yet highly-tolerable solutions like QuickSilver and Segway, Ben and his crew can ensure that the only trouble spots that appear on the course are the ones put there in 1924 by a true golf legend, Donald Ross.



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## HOLE STATS

Distance: 461 yards, Par 4



## THE TURF

Greens/Tees: L-93 Bentgrass

Fairway:  
L-93 and Providence Bentgrass



Ben Barnes, Golf Course Superintendent

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