

HOLE NO. 7

10TH AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS GOLF CLUB, HAMBURG, NEW JERSEY.

ROBERT VON HAGGE, DESIGNER.

178 / 166 / 140 / 85 YARDS, PAR 3.

More versatility, this time from Texas golf architect Robert von Hagge. Here's a par-3 that plays from a set of tees along one rim of an old rock quarry down into the quarry itself. You play along and over a 40-foot-deep quarry lake to an enormous butterfly-shaped green.

The yardage on the card here is irrelevant. Depending upon the tee used, the pin placement and the wind, the hole can demand anything from a wood to a wedge.

The wise golfer overclubs here, even though playing downhill some 50 feet, because anything short of the green is certain oblivion. There is a spine of rock outcropping behind, separating the two wings of the green, but anything long left or right will end, at worst, in the rough. The battle is only half over once on the green. Long putts are common (this is an 80-yard-wide green, after all) and every bit of it undulates.