The Best Living: R.T. Jones

Robert Trent Jones Sr. was the leading vote-getter among living golf course architects in the survey asking for the best architect of all time. Larry Dennis, who worked with Jones on Jones' book "Golf's Magnificent Challenge," shares this piece.

Jones took golf around world, says Perry Dye

The president of the Golf Course Builders of America laid upon the shoulders of Robert Trent Jones Sr. the credit for taking golf around the globe.

"If it weren't for him it really wouldn't be a worldwide game," said Perry Dye of Dye Design Inc. in Denver, Colo. ... done an unbelievable job domestically but Mr. Jones took it around the world ... after the Scotsmen of the 1920s."

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"Really, nobody has done that since then, so whatever exposure golf got from Jones was a world-wide game," said Perry Dye of Dye Design Inc. in Denver, Colo. "He's the one who took it around the world. My dad's architect Parke had done an unbelievable job domestically but Mr. Jones took it around the world ... after the Scotsmen of the 1920s."

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