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Rees Jones receives GCSAA's "Old Tom Morris" Award

The son of a famous architect who has gone on to create a successful and famed career for himself is the recipient of GCSAA's 2004 Old Tom Morris Award. His name is Rees Jones, and he's the son of Robert Trent Jones Sr., who also won the award in 1987. In fact, Rees Jones is the first second-generation winner of the award since it was created in 1983.

Jones has designed or renovated more than 100 courses throughout his career. His designs include Pinehurst No. 7, Haig Point Club and Nantucket GC. He's also known for his remodeling work at Bethpage Black, Torrey Pines, The Country Club at Brookline, Hazeltine National, Baltusrol, Congressional and Pinehurst No. 2.

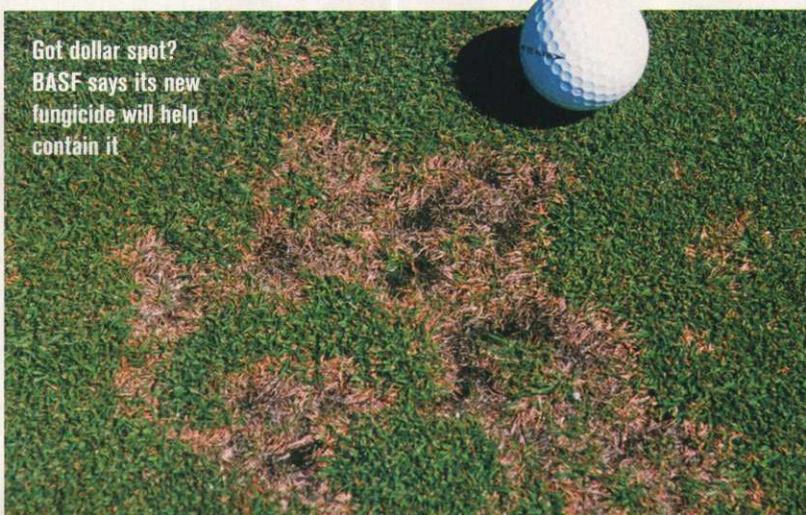
The award will be presented to Jones in February during the GCSAA Conference & Show.

Old Collier honored by Florida council

The Old Collier GC in Naples, Fla., has won a top environmental award from the Council for Sustainable Florida. Old Collier, previously recognized as one of the nation's most environmentally sensitive new golf courses, won the top award in its field for environmental stewardship from the Council, whose awards competition recognizes organizations, institutions and individuals who have demonstrated exemplary leadership by integrating environmental, social and economic considerations into their own policies and practices.

With resourceful management of water as a primary concern, Collier Enterprises used seashore paspalum, a salt-tolerant grass, on the entire course. It's the first golf course in the world to irrigate with brackish

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Emerald Approved

FUNGICIDE CONTROLS DOLLAR SPOT AT LOW RATES

BASF Professional Turf received registration for its Emerald fungicide after two years of negotiations with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to bring it to market.

The registration agreement was signed July 21, paving the way for BASF to tout the chemical's dollar spot control, something the company's representatives have been talking to superintendents about since the GCSAA show last February.

Boscalid, the active ingredient of Emerald, is classified as an inhibitor of respiration within the fungal cell. BASF says it's effective because it deprives the cells of energy and essential building blocks for different cellular components.

Emerald is formulated as a

70 percent water dispersible granule and is applied at low rates (0.13 to 0.18 ounces) in two to four gallons of water per 1,000 square feet. BASF says Emerald gives long-term control of dollar spot when applied at 14- to 28-day intervals.

Steve Potter, superintendent of Woodholme CC in Pikesville, Md., tested Emerald last year on two fairways. Potter says he was impressed with how long only one application of Emerald was able to control dollar spot.

"With Emerald, I can come in during extremely high pressure months, make one application and ride it out for 42 days," Potter says. "In midsummer, when people are playing seven days a week, that [extended time] means a lot."