

# BASF Honors Golf Course Superintendents at BASF 'People vs. The Pros' Golf Tournament at Pinehurst Resort

## South Carolina Superintendent Steve Jones Wins BASF Superintendent's Cup

BASF Professional Turf & Ornamentals recognized superintendents nationwide at the BASF People vs. the Pros golf tournament held August 18 - 22 at Pinehurst Resort, Pinehurst, N.C.

Twenty-two BASF-sponsored superintendents were a part of a field of 200 competitors vying to play against PGA professionals Retief Goosen or Gary McCord for the opportunity to win \$50,000 for the charity of the winner's choice. The top two scoring superintendents not playing against the pros competed against one another in the third annual BASF Superintendent's Cup.

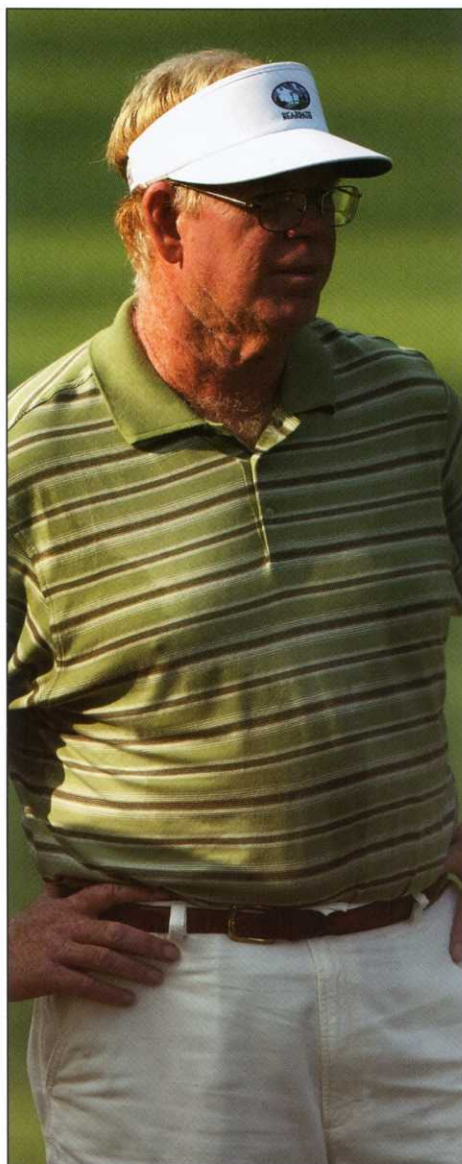
"BASF Professional Turf & Ornamentals is honored to use our title sponsorship to highlight the professionalism of the golf course superintendent," said Dr. Toni Bucci, business manager for BASF Professional Turf & Ornamentals. "The exceptional work of golf course superintendents is key to the enjoyment of the game and the success of the courses they manage. They deserve our recognition for their contribution to the game of golf."

As the tournament's title sponsor, BASF hosted more than 1,000 superintendents who participated in 18 regional qualifier tournaments held throughout the spring and summer in conjunction with Golf Course Superintendent Association (GCSA) chapters from across the country. Each regional qualifying superintendent won an all-expense-paid trip to compete in the Pinehurst final, and BASF donated \$2,000 to the hosting chapter's education fund.

### *A tournament within a tournament*

At the People vs. the Pros golf tournament, BASF-sponsored superintendents had the opportunity to compete in the BASF Superintendent's Cup, which featured the top two superintendent finishers from the three-day, 54-hole tournament play held on Pinehurst's No. 5 and No. 8 courses.

Ron Dobosz, superintendent at Ludlow Country Club in Ludlow, Mass., and Steve Jones, superintendent at Greenville Country Club in Greenville, S.C., teed off at Pinehurst No. 8 on August 22, to com-



*John Malloy, Superintendent at Bearpath Golf & Country Club, represented the MGCSA at tournament.*

pete for the third annual BASF Superintendent's Cup. Jones won the May 21 regional qualifier tournament hosted by the Carolinas GCSA at Ballantyne Resort in Charlotte, N.C., and Dobosz was the winner of the July 10 New England GCSA qualifier held at Juniper Hills Golf Course in Northboro, Mass.

Dobosz was this year's leading superintendent, with a total net score of 217 in the 18-49 age division, placing 3rd overall with his 0 handicap. Jones scored a net 218

with the benefit of his 9 handicap in the 50-and-over age division, placing 4th overall.

After competitive play by both superintendents, Jones ended the handicapped match play with a victory on the 17th hole, winning 2 and 1. Jones won the Cup, along with a \$10,000 check from BASF Professional Turf & Ornamentals and an additional \$10,000 worth of BASF products for use on his golf course. Runner-up Dobosz earned \$5,000 for his second-place finish.

Fifty-four-year-old Jones is a member of the Upstate Turfgrass Association and has served as superintendent at Greenville C.C. for 19 years. He is a recreational golfer, playing two to three times a month with the pros and seniors on his course.

"I had a couple of bad holes the second day of the tournament, but after that I played consistently," said Jones. "Ron and I wanted to be relaxed and have some fun in the final match - we both just played our game."

Jones currently uses Insignia® fungicide on his golf course greens to control pythium and brown patch and plans to purchase additional product with his prize winnings.

### *BASF People vs. the Pros*

Returning for its fourth year - and for the second time at Pinehurst - the 2006 People vs. the Pros at Pinehurst featured amateurs in two age divisions competing in the 54-hole finals tournament Aug. 19 - 21. The low-net winner in each age division battled professional golfer Retief Goosen (18-49 age division) or Gary McCord (50-and-over age division) with the benefit of his handicap and a \$50,000 prize awarded to the charity of choice for the winner of each match.

The Grand Prize Match of the People vs. the Pros and highlights from the BASF Superintendent's Cup was scheduled to air on ESPN2 in mid-October.

The 2006 BASF People vs. the Pros superintendent participants included John Malloy, member of the Minnesota GCSA and Superintendent at Bearpath Golf & Country Club, who participated in the 50 and over division.