


Brianne Smith, Daughter of Jeff Smith (Springbrook G.C.), Receives GCSAA Legacy Award

Funded by Syngenta Professional Products and administered by the Environmental Institute for Golf, the GCSAA Legacy Awards benefit children of superintendents that are going into careers other than turf-grass management.

Brianne Smith, daughter of MAGCS member Jeff Smith, is one of 20 students to be awarded \$1,500. Brianne, who won the Midwest's George S. Minnis Scholarship, will attend Cornell University and major in biological and environmental engineering. Her parents are Peggy and

Jeffrey A. Smith, assistant superintendent at Springbrook Golf Course in Naperville. 

GCSAA to Honor Rees Jones with Old Tom Morris Award

GCSAA's most prestigious honor, the Old Tom Morris Award, is presented each year to an individual who "through a continuing lifetime commitment to the game of golf has helped to mold the welfare of the game in a manner and style exemplified by Old Tom Morris."


Widely respected golf course architect Rees Jones has been selected to receive the 2004 Old Tom Morris Award during GCSAA's 75th International Golf Course Conference and Show, February 9-14, in San Diego.

Jones, a member and past president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA), has designed or renovated more than 100 courses throughout his career, many

of which are widely regarded as among the very best in the world. His designs include Pinehurst No. 7, Haig Point Club, Nantucket Golf Club, Ocean Forest Golf Club, Atlantic Golf Club, Sandpines Golf Club and England's Oxfordshire Golf Club.

Nicknamed "The Open Doctor" for his highly acclaimed work remodeling several U.S. Open courses, including Bethpage Black, Torrey Pines, The Country Club at Brookline, Hazeltine National, Baltusrol, Congressional and Pinehurst No. 2, Jones is the first second-generation Old Tom Morris Award recipient since the award was created in 1983. His father, the late Robert Trent Jones, Sr., received the award in 1987.

"Through nearly 40 years in golf course design, Rees Jones has made an indelible imprint on the game of golf," remarks GCSAA president Jon D. Maddern, CGCS. "His design approach creates courses that deliver a fair challenge and aesthetic appreciation to golfers of every skill level, from novice to professional. His environmental approach blends the course with its natural surroundings and provides for sustainable ecosystems. Those who have worked with him have nothing but the best to say about him and their experience.

"Rees Jones perfectly represents the dedication and service that the Old Tom Morris Award was created to recognize." 

Applications Now Available for 2004 Excellence in Government Relations Awards

Applications for the 2004 GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Awards (EGR Awards) are now available to members and affiliated chapters. The EGR Awards recognize and honor outstanding individual and chapter efforts in government relations. Recipients are recognized for their efforts and accomplishments in the areas of advocacy and compliance. Nominees will be judged on how their efforts best serve the interests of

the golf course superintendent profession and the golf course management industry.

Any affiliated chapter and all Class AA, A, superintendent member and C members are eligible to receive EGR Awards. EGR Awards recipients will be selected by the GCSAA Government Relations Committee. Recipients will be recognized through various GCSAA publications

as well as at GCSAA's 75th International Golf Course Conference and Show in San Diego.

The deadline for nominations is Oct. 15, 2003. Applications are available online. To request a hard copy nomination form or for more information, contact Erica Brown at 800-472-7878, ext. 453. 