

Hole of the Month

HOLE NO.

11

ROBERT TRENT JONES JR. COURSE,

Nestled in the foothills of North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains is a little piece of heaven known as the Rock Barn Golf & Spa. The resort is named after the Old Rock Barn, a local landmark constructed in 1879 using local wood and flat rock gathered from nearby waters and pastures. It's a fitting tribute, as Rock Barn Golf & Spa has been painstakingly designed into the spectacular natural panorama, rather than built on top of it.

The course designed by celebrated architect Robert Trent Jones Jr. is no exception. Jones took full advantage of the sloping native terrain of the area as well as Lyle Creek, which gracefully carves its way throughout the property. It's as if the land were destined for the game of golf—making it no surprise that the Jones course was dubbed Best New Course in North Carolina and the fourth Best New Course in the nation.

A prime example is the 11th hole, better known as "The Natural" — a long par 4 with a dog leg left that required the least amount of grading of any of the holes on this course. But nature didn't intend this to be an easy par. The length, treacherous bunkering and tiered green make it a difficult number-2 handicap hole.

Nature has thrown a few more challenges at golf course superintendent Tony Denton. Recently, the property was overrun with yellow nutsedge as a result of flooding. Hoping to quickly return the turf to its original beauty, Denton turned to Dismiss® turf herbicide. Not only did Dismiss deliver fast visible control of the sedges, it reduced future populations and helped minimize the need for follow-up treatments. With its unbeatable performance, Dismiss has proven to be the natural choice for protecting the unspoiled beauty of the Rock Barn Golf & Spa.

HOLE STATS

Distance: 451 yards, Par 4

THE TURF

Green: A1/A4 Bentgrass

Tees/Fairway:
TifSport Bermudagrass



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Tony Denton, Golf Course Superintendent

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