

Off The Fringe

Rees Jones to Return for 2012 *Golf*dom Summit

The second *Golf*dom Summit takes place later this month at the Reunion Resort in Orlando. Once again giving the keynote address at this exclusive industry event is "The Open Doctor," Rees Jones.

Jones will be presenting alongside Curtis Tyrell, CGCS, MG, director of golf course operations at Medinah CC, which hosted this year's Ryder Cup. Jones and Tyrell will discuss the work that went into preparing for the event, along with some historic information about work that has been conducted at championship venues around the country.

Also speaking at the event will be most of the *Golf*dom crew: environmental editor Anthony Williams, CGCS, CGM; science editor Karl Danneberger, Ph.D.; columnists Mark Woodward, CGCS and Joel Jackson, CGCS-Retired and EIC Seth Jones. And we're hoping to have a few surprises for attendees as well.

*Golf*dom publisher Pat Roberts says all signs point to an even more successful event this year, with more attendees and more sponsors.

"With the *Golf*dom Summit, we feel we've brought something really unique to the industry," Roberts said. "We'll always be a magazine first and foremost, but we've also found a successful way to get superintendents and industry people together in a productive, yet relaxed, setting. If our success continues, we plan to host even more superintendents as our guests in the future."

Rees Jones will take centerstage again.

Superstorm Sandy Wreaks Havoc

By Seth Jones Editor-in-Chief



No. 15 tee at Maidstone Club was reshaped, along with the rest of the shore, by Superstorm Sandy.

Superstorm Sandy made landfall in the northeastern U.S. on Oct. 29th, and left a historic path of destruction behind. As of press time, 33 people had lost their lives from the storm, and 6.5 million people were still without power.

Golf courses far and wide were impacted by the storm, sending superintendents scrambling.

John Genovesi, director of grounds at Maidstone Club in East Hampton, N.Y., was dismayed to discover that half of his teebox on No. 15 had crumbled away as a result of the storm.

"It was pretty bad for a two-day storm. We had high winds and high waves," Genovesi said as the storm was still traveling inland. "We had 16- to 20-foot waves, which basically reshaped our shore."

Tyler Otero, director of grounds at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J., estimated that he had lost 30 to 40 trees, as well as five mature trees that lined the road leading up to the clubhouse.

"Compared to Hurricane Irene, this has done more damage," Otero said. "This was more of a wind event. We had gusts of 60 mph here at the course, and at the shore where I live, we had 5 to 6 hours of 60 mph sustained winds."

Genovesi had been keeping track of his fellow Met GCSA chapter members, and said there had been some close calls, including a superintendent's staff quarters hit by a falling tree, and another colleague who had two cars crushed by a tree in his driveway.

"This storm has been crazy. The Hudson River is flooding Manhattan," Genovesi said in disbelief. "This storm is much bigger than my little world."

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