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NEWS, NOTES AND QUOTES



// RECOGNITION



Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS, Medinah CC, with Rees Jones at the 2012 Golfdom Summit.

REES JONES NAMED 2013 ROSS AWARD WINNER

➔ Rees Jones has been selected by the American Society of Golf Course Architects as the 2013 Donald Ross Award recipient.

Jones, a past president of the ASGCA, is well known for his redesign of courses in preparation for major championships. He has applied his remodeling skills to seven U.S. Open venues, seven PGA Championship courses, four Ryder Cups, two Walker Cup sites, and a President's Cup site.

"Rees' influence in the golf industry is profound, and was most recently felt during the 2012 Ryder Cup at Medinah," said President Bob Cupp, ASGCA Fellow. "His moniker 'The Open Doctor,' taken over from his father, Trent, has allowed him to be a spokesman for our profession to those outside the business of golf development for years. And he has handled the responsibility well, doing good work and speaking in public forums about the art and science of golf course architecture."

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GOLDOM AT THE GIS



Stop by the *Golfdom* booth at the Golf Industry Show next month for your chance to win an all-expenses paid trip to the 2013 Golfdom Summit, as well as a chance to catch up with the crew in person (hey, where was Geraci when we took this picture?) We will also be giving away free high-fives to anyone who wants one. Sorry, no hugs.

// REALIGNMENT

BASF FORMS SPECIALTY PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT

BASF announced it will take its businesses within the U.S. non-crop markets and merge them into one. The primary businesses known as Professional Turf & Ornamentals (T&O) and Pest Control Solutions, and secondary businesses including Professional Vegetation Management and Market Business Development, will now collectively be known to the marketplace as the BASF Specialty Products Department (SPD). Each respective market will continue to be served, but BASF will do so as one business unit led by Jan Buberl, Director of Specialty Products.

"We reviewed the strategy, and two things came up: focus on the end-user, and focus on innovation," Buberl told *Golfdom*. "What are superintendent's biggest problems? How can we support water management better? Dollar spot control? Overall playability? We will be better suited to address all of these things."

// ACQUISITIONS

EAGLE ONE GOLF ACQUIRES FORE-PAR

Eagle One Golf Products (Anaheim, Calif.) announced recently that they have acquired Fore-Par (Buena Park, Calif.) In June of 2012, Eagle One Golf was acquired by Canadian company Golf Supply Warehouse.

With the acquisition, Eagle One Golf now says that they are the "largest distributors of golf course and golf range equipment, supplies and accessories in the world."

No determination has yet been made if the name Fore-Par will be kept.

"It's business as usual for a short time. Both companies have long, storied brands. I can tell you that we are ready to immediately service both sets of customers," Rod Halsall, general manager of Eagle One Golf, told *Golfdom*. "It would be foolhardy not to carefully consider the best way to integrate these two brands."

// ON THE MOVE

SEPRO'S STOREY TO RETIRE

Roger Storey, VP, Turf & Ornamental Business (T&O), will retire from SePRO next month. Storey is one of the original employees of SePRO Corp. When SePRO



opened for business in 1994, the T&O products SePRO offered consisted of only three products (A-Rest Plant Growth Regulator, Pipron Fungicide and Rubigan E.C. Fungicide). Storey's vision was to

build a T&O business that was active in the golf, landscape and nursery businesses and that could be a substantial contributor to SePRO's success.

"Roger has not only been a dedicated SePRO employee, he has been a friend to those who have worked with him. He has been a strong example of hard work, commitment and loyalty," says Bill Culpepper, president and CEO.

With Storey's retirement, Troy Bettner has been appointed to lead and further develop the SePRO T&O business. He will take on the position of Director, Turf & Ornamental Business effective March 1, 2013.

// GOLFDOM WISDOM

If your New Year's resolutions have already fallen by the wayside, give yourself a mulligan. #golfdomwisdom

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Georgia Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle was awarded the Environmental Leader of the Year award by the Georgia Golf Environmental Foundation for his efforts ensuring the industry's efficient use of water resources in the state. "Lt. Gov. Cagle has been a strong ally as we strive to raise the environmental profile of the game and ensure that the state's laws and regulations allow superintendents to be more flexible, creative and efficient in using and caring for our natural resources," said Harold Franklin, GGEF chairman.



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Georgia Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, with trophy, is pictured with members of the Georgia Golf Environmental Foundation board of trustees, from left, Randy Nichols, CGCS-Ret.; Mike Crawford, CGCS (TPC Sugarloaf); Anthony Williams, CGCS (Stone Mountain GC); Harold Franklin (Fields Ferry GC); Brad Owen (Augusta National); Courtney Young, CGCS (Settindown Creek at Ansley GC); Ralph Kepple, CGCS (East Lake GC); and Richard Staughton, CGCS (Towne Lake Hills GC).

READER JOKE

ASTOLD BY **Joe Stribley, Yellowstone CC, Billings, Mont.**

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A father is tucking his little girl into bed, and she starts praying. "God bless Mommy, God bless Daddy, God bless Grandma and goodbye Grandpa." The father thinks, 'Hmm, that's weird.' Out of nowhere, the next day... Grandpa dies.

About six months later, the father's tucking his little girl into bed again, when she starts praying. "God bless Mommy, God bless Daddy, goodbye Grandma." He asks his little girl, 'Why did you say goodbye Grandma?' "I don't know," she says, "it just felt right." The next day... Grandma dies.

It's bedtime a month later when the little girl starts praying again. "God bless Mommy, goodbye Daddy."

The next day, the guy is distraught. All day, he's waiting for something bad to happen to him. He gets so agitated he forgets to leave work on time. He ends up pacing his office all night before he finally goes home.

He walks into his house and his wife is furious. "Where have you been?" she shouts. "At work!" he shouts back. "You never work this late, I don't understand!" she cries. "Hey, leave me be, you don't know what kind of a day I've had!"

The wife glares back at him and says, "Oh, you think you've had a bad day? I was at my golf lesson today and my golf pro just fell over dead!"