

TOURNEY BENEFITS ROBERT TRENT JONES ENDOWMENT FUND

The inaugural Robert Trent Jones Invitational, a golf event benefiting the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's endowment fund named for the legendary architect, raised a record \$27,000 to support university scholarships.

The midsummer tournament was held at the Metedeconk National Golf Club, Jackson, NJ -- Jones' most recent New Jersey design. Teams made up of club superintendents, officials and members, representing 15 selected golf clubs from the Northeast, contributed \$1,500 each to support the Jones Endowment Fund. Metedeconk members made additional contributions to bring the total to \$27,000 -- the largest contribution to GCSAA's scholarship efforts ever by a single club.

Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS, GCSAA's secretary/treasurer and Metedeconk's coordinator for the event, described the Jones Invitational as "a very meaningful way in which to recognize the unique relationship between the golf course architect and the golf course superintendent, as well as an excellent opportunity to support the development of future golf course managers and the game of golf while enjoying a great day of golf and camaraderie."

Richard Sambol, who along with his son Herbert conceived and developed Metedeconk National, expressed optimism that the event would have a prosperous future. He also thanked manufacturers and distributors who donated hole sponsorships, saying the event "couldn't have happened" without their support.

Tournament players lavished praise on both architect and superintendent for the superb design and conditioning of the course. Cadenelli, in turn, cited the tremendous efforts of his crew in preparing Metedeconk during the previous soggy weeks.

The GCSAA Robert Trent Jones Endowment Fund was established in 1987 with a substantial donation from the New Jersey architect. Once fully capitalized, the fund will help pay college tuition for turfgrass management students considering careers as superintendents.



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