



REES JONES

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The top architects in golf square off



TOM FAZIO

<p>Jack Nicklaus. Wanna know who was fourth and fifth? Donald Steel and Mike Hurdzan. I read your magazine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>Golf Digest ranked Tom Fazio the most powerful architect in golf, and Rees Jones was No. 2. Which architect ranked third? Answer: Jack Nicklaus</p>	<p>I have no clue, but I would've ranked Jack Nicklaus first, Pete Dye second, and after them it's up for grabs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>
<p>Who's responsible? I think you have to blame today's equipment. The ball's going farther and more off line than ever.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>According to most court decisions, are golfers or homeowners responsible for replacing windows that are broken during a round? Answer: Homeowners</p>	<p>Depends how good your lawyer is. Fortunately, I've never broken a window while playing golf.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>
<p>I do. I hear Tom's a 14, and I'm an 8. But we've never played together. I probably play 50 to 60 times a year, mostly at Maidstone.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Who has the lower handicap, Rees or Tom? Answer: Jones 8.2; Fazio 9.6</p>	<p>I don't know his handicap, but he probably plays more than I do. Mine is 9.6, and I'll guess he's lower than that.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>
<p>Lloyd Mangrum. I was 8 or 9, and I was there. It was probably my first Open. I positioned myself right behind Hogan when he got the trophy, and I was on the newsreels the entire week.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Tom's uncle George Fazio lost the 1950 U.S. Open to Ben Hogan in a three-man playoff. Who was the third player? Answer: Lloyd Mangrum</p>	<p>Lloyd Mangrum. I was only 5, but I remember going to Merion with my uncle 30 years later. He showed me where he and Hogan hit every shot in the playoff.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>
<p>Reese Witherspoon. [Laughs.] I'd like to meet her one day.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Name the actress who starred in "Legally Blonde." Answer: Reese Witherspoon</p>	<p>No idea. [Told Reese Witherspoon.] Never heard of her. My wife drags me to the movies every once in a while. If it were up to her, we'd go a couple of times a week.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>
<p>Probably <i>The Country Club</i> or <i>Shinnecock</i>. My favorite course? The Old Course at St. Andrews, because that's where all the ideas came from. It's the model for all architecture since that time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>What's the oldest course among Golf Digest's ranking of America's 100 Greatest? Answer: Chicago Golf Club, 1894</p>	<p>I'm not an expert student on that subject. I'm thinking it's something like a Pine Valley, but there are older courses. My favorite, by far, is Pine Valley.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>
<p>The course is Pinehurst No. 2, and the green fee, I think, is \$210. Neither one of us can answer that part, 'cause we don't pay 'em.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1/2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>Rees Jones, aka The Open Doctor, has added length to next year's U.S. Open venue. What's the course, and within \$50 how much does it cost to play it? Answer: Pinehurst No. 2, \$345</p>	<p>Baltusrol? Pebble Beach? We play the Boys & Girls Club event every two years at the Open site, and our next one is in 2006 at Winged Foot. [Told Pinehurst.] Green fee there is probably \$325.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1/2</p>
<p>I was not an "All in the Family" viewer, but weren't they Archie, Edith and... was the daughter Sally?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>What were the first names of the three characters in the Bunker family on the TV show "All in the Family"? Answer: Archie, Edith, Gloria</p>	<p>Edith and Archie. And Sally Struthers' name was... I know Meathead, but Sally Struthers was... Gloria!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>
<p>[Laughs.] Good one. It's a flip of the coin. I'll say the Empire State Building, because every client exaggerates, hoping you'll think he broke the bank in creating the best facility for you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Which cost more to build: Tom's Shadow Creek in Las Vegas or the Empire State Building? Answer: Empire State Building, \$41 million; Shadow Creek, \$37 million.</p>	<p>Without a doubt, the Empire State Building. There aren't many numbers in Las Vegas that haven't been exaggerated, and for what was produced, Shadow Creek is the best bargain I've ever created.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Total: 5½</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jones wins</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Total: 4½</p>

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