Rob Adams Called To Serve
Active Duty In the U.S. Army

Rob Adams, Superintendent at The Ponds at Battle Creek, has been called to serve active duty for the United States Army. The MGCSA wishes Rob the best.

BASF Tourney Takes Place May 16

BASF Professional Turf again this year has brought the MGCSA a tremendous opportunity - the chance to host a 2005 People vs. the Pros qualification tournament. As host, it is GUARANTEED that one of our member superintendents will win a trip to the People vs. the Pros national tournament to compete for $100,000.

Last year our state PVP tournament was won by Jeff Schaefer and netted over $6,000 dollars for the MGCSA.

The People vs. the Pros Qualification Tournament is set for May 16 at Stillwater Country Club.

Simplot Partners Becomes Turfwerks

Turfwerks, a newly formed LLC, has purchased the assets and inventory of Simplot Partners, Roseville, Minn., division of the JR Simplot Co., Boise, ID. The location's former operations manager, Joe Churchill, will be Turfwerks' president and operations manager. The investment group will also include Paul Davis, owner of Davis Sun Turf located in St. Paul, Sioux Falls, Omaha and Des Moines. The business moved in March from its current facility in Roseville to Little Canada and shares space with Davis Sun Turf.

As its first two personnel hires, Turfwerks also announces the additions of Jim Schmitz and Dan Augdahl as Technical Sales Representatives.

“Our intentions are to retain selected product lines currently being marketed by SP and Davis Sun Turf including Polyon, The Andersons’ Tee Time and ProTurf lines, Simplot Partners Specialty Products and Jacklin Seed among several others key supply lines,” said Churchill.

Diegnau Wins Ping Pong Tournament

Paul Diegnau, CGCS, Keller Golf Course, beat a field of 21 by a comfortable margin to win the 1st Annual MGCSA Ping Pong Tournament held at North Oaks Golf Club on February 15, reported Drew Larsen, Superintendent, Rolling Green Country Club. The tournament lasted from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and included a pizza lunch.

Paul Diegnau also led the Keller Golf Course/Ramsey Parks to the team championship. The Rolling Green team was second and Golden Valley finished third.