

Retreads for Research Revisited

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The Research committee still is looking for golf balls to support the new fund raising effort, Retreads for Research. Working closely with the University of Minnesota Turf Club, the MGCSA continues to collect balls for sale on ebay with proceeds going to turf research and the Minnesota Turf Club. Please, please start gathering strays, storing them and calling Scott Turtinen for pick up or deliver them to him at any of the events held during the season.

So far over 1,500 balls have been sorted and graded for sale. Although the original intent was to offer them at the Minnesota Golf Expo, a serious winter storm limited potential buyers. In fact, only three dozen were sold over the whole weekend. However, after a suggestion from Superintendent Barry Hines of Izatys, the balls are now to be sold on line to the highest bidder.

The responsibility of finding the balls and developing a central drop site goes to the MGCSA. And the task of promoting, selling and shipping the balls will be handled by the Turf Club. The proceeds will be split 50-50.

This golden opportunity will only work if we all take a part. While not everyone can participate upon a committee or even the Board of Directors, we can all collect golf balls for resale. They are readily available and free for the taking. It is an easy way to generate funds to be used only for research.

The Retreads for Research drive will not work without your contributions of balls and time. Please help support your association. Please make Retreads for Research a successful venture for both the MGCSA and the University of Minnesota Turf Club.

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"Sold at auction
as antiques!"

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"600 balls, WOW"

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