Step Up to the Plate-

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On a more local level, Glen Rehbein Farms supports the advancement of turf management. Peter Felland, of Glen Rehbein Farms, has announced the donation of \$.02 for every square yard of sod purchased by MGCSA member golf courses. The more you purchase, the more funding the TROE Center receives. The sod includes both peat and mineral Kentucky bluegrass, Fescue/Bluegrass Mixes, Putter, L-93 and Penncross Bentgrass and Tuff Turf Erosion Blankets. RIGHT ON Glen Rehbein Farms. And remember, "green side up!"

Locally the MTGF has committed this year's funds to Dr. Horgan's start-up costs and partial funding for technician help at the TROE Center. This contribution was to the tune of \$7,500. *Muchas Gracias* Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation! And a special thanks to Greg Hubbard for his efforts as President.

And, Brian Horgan has announced the establishment of an endowment fund for the new TROE Center through the University of Minnesota. That is, any monies generated and directed toward the TROE Center will stay with the Center and not find its way to another department or sports team. Setting up this program took time and dedication. The MGCSA appreciates your efforts Brian. Keep it up.

As you can see there are opportunities galore for any and all sorts of vehicles to supplement the TROE Center. Whether it is points, matching dollars or in kind money generation, everyone has the chance to do his or her part in supporting our new turf science facility. So let's all step up to the plate and make the TROE Center the envy of every university across the country.

We do not believe that these are our only options for supporting the TROE Center. We welcome any suggestions or ideas that you may have that will make the TROE Center the best research center in the nation. Thank you all for your support.

Jon Powell Resigns From U of M

Dear Members of the MGCSA,

This is an exciting time with the development of the TROE center and addition of new turfgrass faculty at the University. We have made great strides over these last few years and I am sure the relationship between the MGCSA and the University will continue to develop. So it is with my deepest regret that I announce that I will be resigning as Turfgrass Pathologist at the University of Minnesota. My family and I will be returning to Michigan after August 9 to be closer to family and I will be pursuing other career goals. It has been a great pleasure working with you for the last four years and I appreciate the kindness and support you have offered during my tenure.

In my absence I would encourage you to submit turfgrass samples requiring diagnosis to the capable hands of Sandy Gould (612-625-1275) at the diagnostic clinic (Open 8:00 - 4:30 p.m Tuesday - Friday in room 105 of Stakman Hall; \$25 fee; samples may be sent to 495 Borlaug Hall, 1991 Upper Buford Circle, St. Paul, MN 55108). -- Jon Powell

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