

# Golf in Afghanistan? Reservist Hopes So

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When Army Reserve chaplain Scott Hagen was activated for duty in Afghanistan, he came up with an idea to help the troops' morale: set up a little golf course for them. "Our staff was laughing that there are no golf courses in Afghanistan," said the Faribault pastor who is also an avid golfer. Then it occurred to them: "We said, 'We are an engineer battalion, and we can do it ourselves.'"

Hagen is a member of Faribault Golf and Country Club, but is also a friend of The Legacy superintendent Kevin Schmidt. Hagen talked it over with Schmidt and Legacy club pro Greg Paine.

"I never expected them to give me so

much stuff, but I have it all packed and we will take it all and use it," said Hagen. The Legacy provided Hagen with a

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package of five pins and cups, a cup cutter, a gross of range balls and a bunch of used clubs, said Paine. In a few weeks, the equipment will be used to provide soldiers with a little bit of home.

A first lieutenant who's been in the

Reserves since March 2002, Hagen is part of the 367 Engineer Battalion, based in St. Cloud, that was mobilized on Feb. 11. In Faribault, he is pastor at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

His unit is currently stationed at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, preparing for departure.

"Once we get to Afghanistan," he said, "we will survey the area and see what is safe and feasible."

"We think it would be a moral booster to have some recreation like this, and also for our equipment operators to get some additional work and practice with their machines. We hope to maybe have a couple short holes and a driving range."

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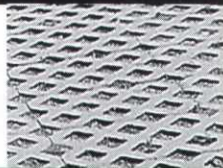
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## Tiziani Golf Car To Help Sponsor Scholarship Scramble At White Bear Yacht Club

Tiziani Golf Car has agreed to help sponsor this year's Scholarship Scramble at White Bear Yacht Club on Monday, June 7, 2004. This important MGCSA event helps raise funds for the scholarship program. John Steiner, CGCS, will host the event.

Tiziana Golf Car will make up to twenty rental golf cars available for purposes of the golf event at no charge for rental or transportation.

TGC will also sponsor a par 3 hole during the event in which the person who wins the event will be awarded the use of a Club Car turf utility vehicle for the rest of the year at no charge.

"As our relationships have grown with many within the MGCSA, help sponsoring this event will present an opportunity to express our appreciation to our friends within the organization and will add to the success of the event for such a worthy cause," said Andrew Hochmuth of Tiziana Golf Car.

Registration forms for the Scholarship Scramble will be mailed in early May. The field will be limited to 36 teams and will fill up quickly.