

# Minnesota Golf Rounds Fore Research Huge Success

The last certificate for golf sent, and final check tabulated, this year's Minnesota Golf Rounds Fore Research generated over \$27,500 for research projects at the University of Minnesota. These funds, \$13,000 over the 2012 drive, are created through the generous contributions of tee times at mostly private or high-end public facilities for sale to the public. This dramatic increase over recent campaigns can be attributed to several factors.

For the last 24 years, specific tee times were available only the first week of June. In 2013 tee time certificates, including carts, were offered for use through the season. The recently reactivated Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association Research Committee also did a stellar job of

raising additional certificates through a phone call barrage to fellow turf managers. And, of perhaps greatest note, the MGCSA partnered with the Mid-West Chapter of the CMAA, the Minnesota Chapter of the PGA and the Minnesota Golf Association for additional promotion amongst their ranks.



Monies generated through the Rounds Fore Research program are used to keep the University of Minnesota's Turfgrass Research, Outreach and Education Center a viable destination for current and future turf studies. The additional funding created in 2013, and for

the next couple of years, will be used to directly support the new horticulture pathologist at the U of M.

The Minnesota turf industry has been missing a pathologist since Dr. Jon Powell left the University of Minnesota several years ago. In 2013 a horticultural pathologist position was created in the College of Food, Agri-

cultural and Natural Resources. The search process, which the MGCSA was active in, generated an excellent candidate for the position; Dr. Angela Orshinsky from the University of Guelph where she produced studies on *Sclerotinia homeocarpa* in bent grass amongst other turf related topics. As a new Extension Specialist with the University, and one the turf industry will be closely allied with, the

MGCSA Board of Directors strongly supported contributing start up funding to facilitate the transition into Dr. Orshinsky's new role.

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