

## Heat Wave –

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### Heat Wave Safety Tips

**Slow Down:** Strenuous activities should be reduced, eliminated, or rescheduled to the coolest time of the day. Individuals at risk should stay in the coolest available place, not necessarily indoors.

**Dress For Summer:** Lightweight, light-colored clothing reflects heat and sunlight, and helps your body maintain normal temperatures.

**Put Less Fuel On Your Inner Fires:** Foods (like proteins) that increase metabolic heat production also increase water loss.

**Drink Plenty of Water or Other Non-alcoholic Fluids:** Your body needs water to keep cool. Drink plenty of fluids even if you don't feel thirsty. Persons who (1) have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease, (2) are on fluid restrictive diets, or (3) have a problem with fluid retention should consult a physician before increasing their consumption of fluids.

**Do Not Drink Alcoholic Beverages: Do not take salt tablets unless specified by a physician.** Persons on salt restrictive diets should consult a physician before increasing their salt intake.

**Spend More Time In Air-Conditioned Places:** Air conditioning in homes and other buildings markedly reduces danger from the heat. If you cannot afford an air conditioner, spending some time each day (during hot weather) in an air conditioned environment affords some protection.

### Don't Get Too Much Sun

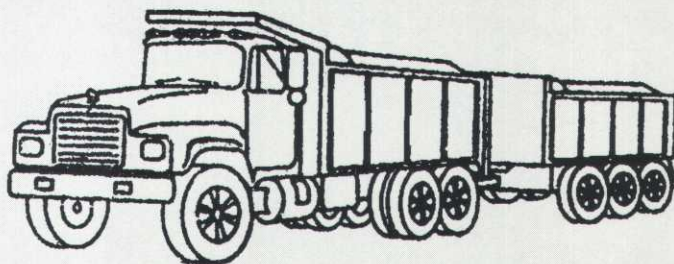
Sunburn makes the job of heat dissipation that much more dif-



**ACCEPTING A CHECK FOR \$25,000** at the TROE Center groundbreaking ceremonies from the MGCSA earmarked for the TROE Center Endowment Fund are Bev Durgan, left, and Dr. Phil Larsen. Presenting the check is Research Chairman Rob Panuska and MGCSA President Rick Fredericksen, CGCS, far right.

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# Look for PDI "Scorecard" This Fall

In September, all non-certified Class A, Superintendent Member, Class C and Inactive members will receive a mailing detailing how the Professional Development Initiative will affect them upon its implementation July 1, 2003.

Referred to as the "scorecard" mailing, members will receive a letter that outlines their current membership classification with the assumption they will remain in that classification as of July 1, 2003.

Class A members will be notified in late September about their ongoing requirements and what they will need to do to maintain their Class A status. They also will learn how the initial renewal cycles will be prorated.

Superintendent Members will receive information in early September in the form of a letter detailing two scenarios:

1. The eligibility requirements necessary to earn Class A status if they have not done so by July 1, 2003.
2. Their Class A ongoing requirements if they obtain Class A status prior to July 1, 2003.

In addition to this letter, Superintendent Members will receive a transcript listing all of the CEUs (beginning July 1, 2003, CEUs will be known as "education points") they have received to date. If they have not reached Class A status through their years of superintendent experience by July 1, 2003, this transcript will enable them to determine the number of points, if any, they must attain in order to qualify for Class A after July 1, 2003.

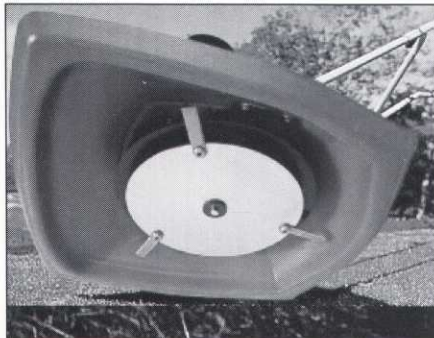
Class C members will receive information in late September detailing what it will take to become eligible for Class A status after July 1, 2003, as well as a current copy of their CEU transcript. Inactive members also will be informed of their requirements to earn Class A status. Superintendent Members and Class C members are encouraged to notify GCSAA immediately if they feel something is not listed correctly on their individual transcripts.

"We're sending your transcript out to you in advance for the very reason of making sure we've got the most up-to-date information on record for you," says GCSAA Vice President Jon Maddern, CGCS. "If something's missing from your record, by all means, let us know." In preparation for or upon receipt of this mailing, members are encouraged to review the Class A Code of Standards.

The Class A Code of Standards is the governing document that will be used to administer the entry-level and ongoing requirements for Class A status. In this "working" document you will find the policies governing every possible anticipated scenario that members may be faced with regarding the additional requirements for Class A. Emphasis must be placed, however, on the concept that this document contains all anticipated scenarios. GCSAA realizes that situations may arise over time that have not been covered in this code - in such cases the membership committee would provide a recommendation to the GCSAA Board of Directors for amending the document.

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# STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE

*Big Business and Individuals CAN Make a Difference at TROE Center*

By JACK MACKENZIE, CGCS  
North Oaks Golf Club

Donations are coming out of the woodwork. Although not terribly fast or furious, the pace is gaining momentum. And excitement is in the air as the Turfgrass, Research, Outreach and Education (TROE) Center gains solid financial footing.

Now that the first shovel of soil has been turned, contributions are in demand to maintain the development of this first class scientific research center. Both private individuals and companies can jump on the wagon to contribute. One simple method of participation currently being promoted by Syngenta allows for the best of both opportunities.

Recently, Syngenta Turf and Ornamental launched the GreenPartners program for golf professionals. This program was formally known as Pro Rewards. Along with the new name, Syngenta has made other improvements in the program.

The Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association is now a member of the GreenPartners program as a preferred association member. Members of GreenPartners can donate their points in 1,000-point increments to the preferred association of their choice. The MGCSA of course! The association can then use these points for the same rewards available to golf course superintendents.

The points can be donated to the TROE center in the form of supplies, office equipment or even as prizes for future raffles. To donate points to the MGCSA, simply go on-line at [www.greenpartnersonline.com](http://www.greenpartnersonline.com). Once you enter your secure password and pin, go to the online catalogue. Under the category, "Merchandise", you will find a listing named "Donations". Simply look for our association name on the list, and donate the points. It is easy.

Syngenta and the MGCSA believe this is an excellent opportunity for you to give back to your profession and industry. If you are not a member of GreenPartners, simply go to [www.greenpartnersonline.com](http://www.greenpartnersonline.com) to join on line.

A recent survey showed that only 45 percent of superintendents use the premium points made available to them through the purchase of products. For some clubs it is a "pay-o-la" rule. For other individuals it is just unawareness or apathy. If you fall into any of these categories, belly up to the bar and throw your points to the MGCSA and then onto the TROE Center. In fact, I will start the ball rolling and contribute 10,000 points from my club right now. I challenge you to match me! And talk about easy, once registered there is nothing else to do. No receipts to mail or documents to fax. Thank you Syngenta for making this program available to the MGCSA.

Another big contribution available from Syngenta is a

company "match" plan. Todd Loecke, our local representative from Syngenta, has promised the cash contribution of \$50 for each link pac of Banner sold until September 30th, 2002 up to \$3,000. Wow, that's a nice chunk of change.

Another national company getting into the donation frenzy is Simplot Partners. Chris Hoff recently discussed an early order plan that could generate a sizeable amount of cash for the TROE Center. This fall they will be carrying an Early Order Surfactant program for Brilliance, Rely II or Rewet. Superintendents will have the option to contribute up to \$5.00 per gallon to the TROE Center. And, customers will receive spring 2003 terms. What a deal, lower costs and a kick in for the TROE Center. Thanks Simplot.

And MTI and The Toro Company, not wanting to be left out of this huge opportunity to support the TROE Center, have committed to a "state of the art" irrigation system at the site. Holy Bananas! This is a great contribution, thank you thank you, Big Red!

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Syngenta for making this possible. And we hope everyone will participate. If you haven't registered yet, just log on at [www.greenpartnersonline.com](http://www.greenpartnersonline.com) and find out how rewarding GreenPartners can be for all of us.

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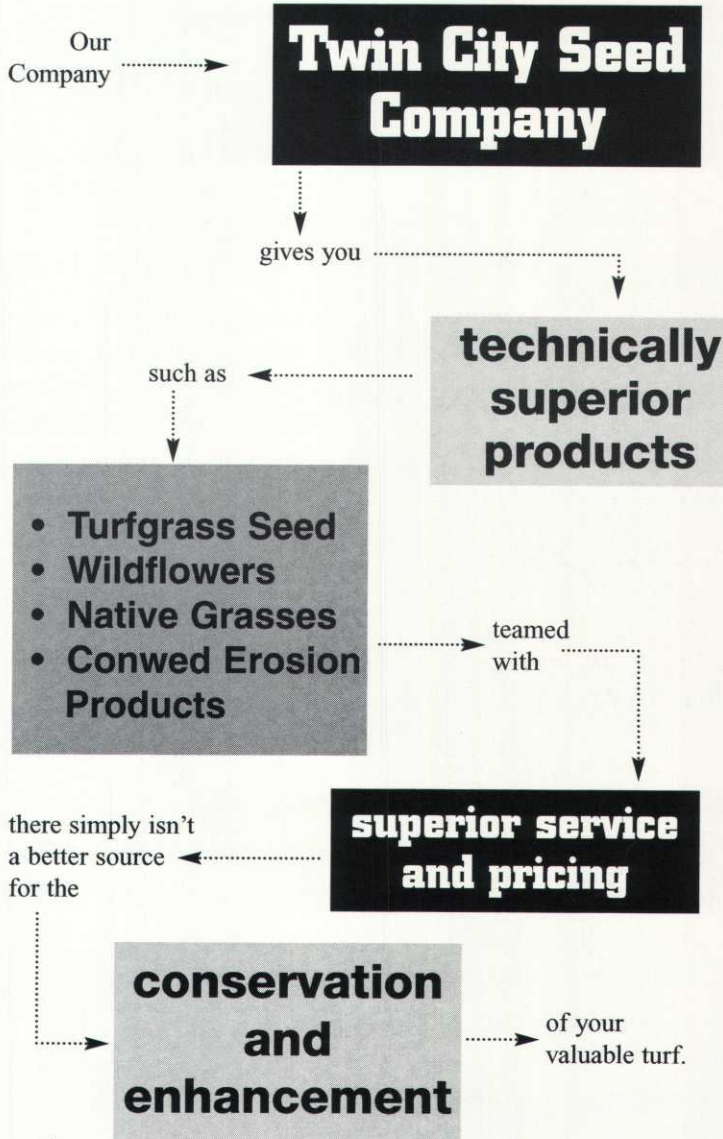


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On a more local level, Glen Rehbein Farms supports the advancement of turf management. Peter Felland, of Glen Rehbein Farms, has announced the donation of \$.02 for every square yard of sod purchased by MGCSA member golf courses. The more you purchase, 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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