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GCSAA/OGCSA EFIG Rounds 4 Research

Dear General Manager / Golf Course Superintendent,

On behalf of the Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association (OGCSA), we are contacting our golf facilities through-out the State of Oregon trying to create more activity for our National EFIG Rounds 4 Research (R4R).

The Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) is the philanthropic organization of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and has its mission to foster sustainability through research, awareness, education, programs and scholarships for the benefit of golf course management professionals, golf facilities and the game.

R4R is simply auctioning rounds of golf to support the future of the game. This national program is an innovative program aimed at generating resources to fund research and help ensure golf's future. To create money for our associations, the premise is simple; donate rounds (two or four) or "stay and play" packages. The revenue generated thru two annual actions is divided with 80% going to the local chapter (OGCSA) and 20% going to EIFG to help offset for costs of running the auctions.

This is an exciting national opportunity for us to support our industry locally. The EIFG has adopted R4R to enable GCSAA chapters to raise funds for local research. Unfortunately, only a small group of clubs have participated in Oregon. Thankfully for our facilities that have participated, over the past four years over \$14,000 has been generated, but we feel our state should be performing better. Currently, the Oregon GCSA is supporting a \$25,000 a year pledge for the Oregon State Universities turf program. The funds raised from R4R will go directly to funding the pledge.

The following is a list of thankful club participants who have donated over the past 4 years. Our goal is to continue our list of thankful participants and encourage others to join in. It's all about the game"

Langdon Farms GC	2013	2014	2015	2016
Crooked River Ranch GC	2013	2014	2015	2016
The Club at Pronghorn	2013	2014	2015	2016
Stone Creek GC	2013	2014	2015	2016
Juniper GC	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Bandon Dunes Golf Resort</b>	2013		2015	2016
The Oregon Golf Club	2013		2015	2016
The Reserve Vineyards GC	2013	2014		
<b>Albany Golf and Events Center</b>	2013	2014		

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Please take a moment to contact your Golf Course Superintendent regarding a Rounds 4 Research donation and become a thankful participant. This opportunity is really an exciting way for all of us to help support the game of golf nationally and locally.

Sincerely,

Scott Larsen
Golf Course Superintendent
Emerald Valley Golf and Resort
Vice President, OGCSA Board of Directors