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**2004 Toro Championship Tournament Training Program Winners
To Attend the PGA Championship and the Ryder Cup**

BLOOMINGTON, Minn., (June 9, 2004) – Four Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) members have been selected to learn first-hand what it takes to prepare for the most prestigious golf tournaments in the world. As winners of the Toro Championship Tournament Training Program, three participants will attend the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wisc. and one participant will attend the Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., serving on the golf course maintenance staff for the respective events.

Joining superintendent David C. Swift at Whistling Straits will be: Jason Grode, assistant superintendent at Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N.J.; Derek Solberg, assistant superintendent at Lakeside Country Club, Houston, Texas; and Todd Kochanowski, student at Cuyamaca College, El Cajon, Calif. Joining superintendent Steven M. Cook, CGCS, MG at Oakland Hills Country Club will be Ryan Bourne, assistant superintendent at Wichita Country Club, Wichita, Kan.

The four winners were selected from 53 assistant superintendent and 26 student entries that included past work experience and an essay about future career goals. Swift and Cook selected the participants from a slate of finalists.

The Toro Company established the Toro Championship Tournament Training Program in partnership with the GCSAA to provide an opportunity for assistant superintendents and student members to learn what happens at the highest level of golf course management. The Toro Championship Tournament Training Program is part of the Toro Scholars Program, which promotes professionalism in turf careers through scholarships, education and training programs throughout the industry.

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"The Toro Championship Tournament Training Program brings the experience and knowledge of major tournament preparation to GCSAA's members," said Jeff LeFever, Toro's director of golf marketing. "The experience is designed to expose superintendents at the beginning of their careers to a variety of cultural practices and management techniques that make major tournaments a success."

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Since 1926, GCSAA has been the leading professional association for the men and women who manage and maintain golf facilities in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 21,000 individual members in more than 72 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. Visit GCSAA online at www.gcsaa.org.