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# May Meeting Takes WGSCA to Rock River Country Club

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The May meeting of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association was held at the Rock River Country Club on May 17th in Waupun and was hosted by Al Fude, golf course superintendent at RRCC. The course was in great shape for the thirty golfers who took part in the four-man Calcutta event. The weather for the day was off and on. When the sun was out, the sweaters came off. When the clouds rolled back in, the sweaters and jackets had to go back on.

After an excellent prime rib dinner, we had a special presentation. Rod Johnson presented GCSAA past president Bill Roberts with a check in the sum of \$10,000 for the GCSAA S&R fund. The money was generated from the sale of pesticide posting signs and compliance kits sold and distributed by Rodney this past year.

The money will go to the research study that is investigating the possibility of a link between golf course superintendent mortality and the use of pesticides. The study was initiated by the GCSAA and is underway at the University of Iowa.

This was a huge gift and Rod deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the inspiration and work involved in generating it.

The speaker for the evening was Mark Grundman and the topic was "Wildflowers and Prairie Grasses." Mark emphasized that you must know your growing area before even beginning the development of populations of these plants. Some places will simply not support them. You need to burn prairie areas every five years. If you cannot burn, there are short term plants to consider, but they must be reseeded every few years. It will cost about \$3,000 an acre due to the fact that the seeds must be hand picked.

The winners of the day's events were:

1st Place: Greg Kallenberg (194)  
Steve Schmidt  
Dennis Robinson

2nd Place: Bill Knight (190)  
Bob Stock  
Tom Emmerich

3rd Place: Al Fude (189)  
Scott Schaller  
Kris Pinkerton  
Bob Vavrek



Mark Grundman gave an excellent talk about naturalized areas.



WGSCA president Bruce Worzella gave Bill Roberts the check for GCSAA for \$10,000.