

Rained Out At Abbey Springs

By Kris Pinkerton

The April meeting of the WGCSA was held at Abbey Springs Golf Course in Fontana. Eighty-seven members showed up as host golf course superintendent Dave Smith presented a beautifully conditioned golf course. Unfortunately, thunderstorms and heavy rains stole the show and most golfers were forced to the clubhouse after only nine holes.

The luncheon speaker was Gary Griggs, vice president of the GCSAA. He spoke on the topic of "Issues Concerning the GCSAA." Tackling prepared questions from our membership, Grigg provided information about some of the GCSAA "financial fiascoes" like Hall Kimbrell Self Audit, Golf Business Today, the Singapore Pacific Rim Office, Headquarters building addition, and the inability to rent or lease the old headquarters building.

While commenting on questions about the Mortality Study and how it was handled, Grigg admitted that it may have been named improperly and no one had planned for the bad news.

There was a feeling of gratitude among our members for Grigg's trip. He is a busy person, but recognized the need to answer first hand many of the questions about the GCSAA and its activities these past couple of years. Thanks to Gary for his time.

Flag event winners for the day were:

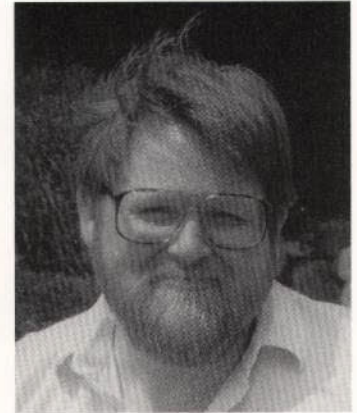
Closest to the pin on # 16.....Ken Robers
Longest drive on #9Chuck Wollner



GCSAA vice president Gary Grigg came to Wisconsin from Naples, Florida, to answer questions about GCSAA activities of late.



Abbey Springs in the springtime—it's becoming a WGCSA tradition!



The always affable golf course superintendent at Abbey Springs — Dave Smith.

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