

# APRIL MEETING AT LAKE ARROWHEAD

By **Mike Berwick**, Golf Course Superintendent, Golf Courses of Lawsonia, Inc.



Pat Wallner hosted the opening golf and education meeting of the 2001 season on Monday, April 23, on the Pines Course of Lake Arrowhead in Nekoosa. Fifty-five members and affiliates were present for the educational session and four man scramble golf event.

After a burger and brat buffet lunch in the Pines Clubhouse, Mr. Don Bretthauer, the Director of Member and Chapter Services for the GCSAA, gave an informational program on his organization's Limited Budget Outreach Program. He outlined the Outreach Program and then answered questions regarding GCSAA's 75th anniversary celebration planned for later this season. He emphasized how we can enhance our profession in the golf industry as well as in the public eye by being supportive of the Outreach Program. People must be willing to volunteer their time and share their expertise with courses on limited budgets. This effort in turn will help to enhance the quality of the golf industry in the immediate future. Along with time and expertise, he asked that each GCSAA chapter member submit a used equipment list and create a master list to make available to Limited Budget Facilities. We thank Mr. Bretthauer for taking the time to enlighten our members on the topic.

Gordy Waddington, WGCSA Limited Budget Outreach Liason committee chairman, spoke briefly as to our Chapter's involvement in the program. He said it has been very bleak with only one Superintendent offering his time and effort. Gordy urged the group in attendance to come forward with their time to help get this program off the ground.



Don Bretthauer spoke about GCSAA programs.

The golf event was played in sunny and very windy weather, and turned quite cool for the last 4 or 5 holes. The scramble event gave everyone a chance to contribute without too much pressure on our swings which were a bit rusty from the long winter hibernation.

The golf course, one of my personal favorites, was in great condition, especially considering the late start of the season.

Following golf, participants met in the Pines Clubhouse bar area for cocktails, chips, pretzels, and conversation. The golf and event prizes were awarded as follows:

## Winners in the scramble event:

- 1st - (62) Gene Hogden, Steve Vehrenkamp, Ron Zellmer, Nick Byom
- 4th - (68) Gordy Waddington, Chad Ball, Rod Johnson, Wayne Otto
- 7th - (70) Jim Van Meter, Conrad Stynchula, Kris Pinkerton, Dennis Dary
- 10th- (71) Gary Huenerberg, John Mathews, Scott Spier, Jeff Millies

## Winners of Flag Events:

- Longest Drive #2 Nick Byom
- Longest Drive #16 Nick Byom
- Closest to Pin #4 Scot Spier
- Closest to Pin #7 Scott Schaller
- Closest to Pin #14 Roy Zehren
- Closest to Pin #17 Dustin Riley

A special thanks to Pat Wallner, Joel Barth and the entire staff at LakeArrowhead for a great day. ♣



Pat Wallner served a host for the April WGCSA meeting at Lake Arrowhead.