

Spring Rush!

By Brett Grams, WGCSA Chapter Manager

At the time of this writing the early March weather is certainly still winter like throughout the state. I am confident that spring is just around the corner but as I look out the window we still have a lot of snow to melt before all of our courses can green up. I wish all of you a successful end to the winter months and a pleasant spring with consistent weather to help your efforts on bringing your course out of it's winter dormancy.

I was happy to see many of you at the various winter functions. The new venue of the WTA Expo appears to have improved attendance. Likewise, the GIS in Orlando had steady attendance with WGCSA Members. Our WI Room was attended by 227 Wisconsinites or friends in tow. This was a recent record and great to be a part of.

In a conversation I had with a long time member he pointed out that my current duties are like a golf course superintendents duties in August. January thru Mid April is certainly my busy time! All of the administrative functions of our chapter happen at the start of the calendar year. Member renewals are being completed, the excellent support of our Affiliate Companies is being finalized, and our planning of our events and our most recent efforts to our PAR4 fundraiser are all in full swing. I am happy to report that efforts to date are on schedule or better than past years.

The Board of Directors and Committee Chairs have been very helpful in providing me with the leadership and goal setting that we need to continue to enhance member benefits and to promote our mission and vision statements in 2011. We again have a quality lineup of great meeting sites and we are finalizing the educational speakers to make for informative and enjoyable meetings for our members.

Our Vice President Chad Harrington and I have been selected to attend the GCSAA Chapter Leadership Training in Lawrence, KS on March 15th and 16th. This program is designed to enhance the communication between our chapter and headquarters and to make sure we able to utilize all of the services and functions that GCSAA offers. Our current President Jeff Millies and I were able to attend a similar event last year and found the program very valuable. The majority of the costs of this event are courtesy the GCSAA and the WGCSA is fortunate to be one of the 25 chapters selected again this year.

I hope that all of you that have the ability to donate rounds of golf to our PAR4 fundraiser have been able to do so. Our live online auction takes place April 1st-10th. Please share the www.PAR4Research.com website to all your members, golfers, and friends. The more bidding the more money raised for turf research at the UW.

Our first monthly meeting is being held April 18th at Geneva National. The online registration for the meeting will be active approximately 30 days prior to the event. Check the home page of our website for periodic updates and for details of pending meetings and events that our chapter offers.

Lastly, do you need my assistance with any chapter related services? Do you have access to our member's side of the site? Do you need help with posting a open position on your staff? I enjoy helping our hardworking members, companies, and facilities as I can.

Please have a GREAT SPRING!

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