



The Coach Approach

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Presidents Corner:

When the WHSGCA Speaks, People Listen to You

If you are reading this open letter, then you are one of the 200+ golf coaches that are members of the WHSGCA for 1994-95.

From this mailing on, only members of the association will receive the *Coach Approach*. We hope that this fact has, in fact, and will continue to motivate coaches to join in September each year.

Since our last *Coach Approach*, we have crowned two teams state champs of their respective Associations. Congratulations goes out to WISAA champion, Waukesha Catholic Memorial, coached by Steve Plechaty and WIAA girls champion Racine Horlick, coached by Sue Thompson. I also extend congratulations to all coaches and student athletes who have completed their seasons this fall.

On October 23, the executive board of the WHSGCA held their fall meeting at the Winagamie Golf Course. The minutes of that meeting can be found in this issue.

The Wednesday following this meeting, the WIAA coaches' advisory committee had its meeting at Stevens Point. Many of Sunday's agenda items became recommenda-

tions on Wednesday. The Executive Board of the WIAA will act on these items in December.

When you apply for membership in this organization there is a place for you to offer comments and suggestions. Only about 9% of you complete this part of the form. The things that you say are shared by all who attend our board meetings. I thought I would summarize what we have received so far.

Coaching on the course: One coach says "Everywhere or nowhere."

Dress code: Two coaches say we need to do more . . . one coach says keep out of it.

Change the board representatives on a regular basis.

State Tee Shirts that have the names of schools, should also have the names of individuals who qualify.

Many *coaches question* the procedure used to receive the "25 year award".

One coach wants a *lifetime membership*.

Several coaches are looking for *help in starting a girls golf program*.

Coaches are looking for a *coaching directory*.

One coach would like *better coverage of the WISAA State*.

Comments on the clinic: need more, no Fridays, have them on Friday.

Please look these over and if you have something that needs to be said let one of the board members know.

In closing, I encourage you to register early for this year's spring clinic. The information is in this *Coach Approach*.

Sincerely,

Joe Harlow

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Medalists: Runner up Kate Theune, LaCrosse Central and Medalist- Kim Reid, Madison LaFollette.

Medalist at the WIAA State Girls Tournament, Kim Reid of Madison LaFollette.



1994 WISAA Boys State Golf University Ridge

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| 685 Pacelli | Individual Qualifiers |
| 164 Levy Lepak | 188 Charlie Mills, Xavier |
| 175 Jason Drifka | 171 Jon Maloney, Roncalli |
| 171 Jason Heyroth | 158 Mike Roznowski, Notre Dame |
| 178 Mike Rattle | 151 John Gaschke, Heritage Christian |
| 180 Luke Witkowski | 181 Ryan Barbieri, K M Lutheran |
| 707 Newman | 192 Ted Franklin, K M Lutheran |
| 170 Max Opper | 156 Eric Genrich, University Lake |
| 181 Matt Hadley | 160 Andrew Isaacson, Prairie School |
| 170 Keith Kopperud | 179 Pete Zimmer, Dominican |
| 187 Mike Hoffman | |
| 187 Brendon Cotter | Medalists |
| 732 St Mary's Springs | 150 Jeff Connell, LaCrosse Aquinas |
| 168 Chris Keenan | 151 John Gaschke, Heritage Christian |
| 186 Jeff Nuss | 152 Edvins Erkmanis, Martin Luther |
| 180 Erik Bernier | 156 Eric Genrich, University Lake |
| 198 Brandon Hass | 158 Mike Roznowski, Notre Dame |
| 219 Andy Rebek | 159 Jim Bodecker, Catholic Memorial |
| 656 Catholic Memorial | 160 Andrew Isaacson, Prairie School |
| 159 Jim Bodecker | 161 Mike Connally, Catholic Memorial |
| 166 Tom Manthe | 163 Sam Beson-Crone, Edgewood |
| 161 Mike Connally | 164 Levy Lepak, Pacelli |
| 188 Jack Farrell | |
| 170 Bryon Riesch | Team Standings |
| 677 Madison Edgewood | 656 Waukesha Catholic Memorial |
| 167 Rob Vega | 677 Madison Edgewood |
| 171 Joel Rechlicz | 682 LaCrosse Aquinas |
| 163 Sam Beson-Crone | 685 Pacelli |
| 182 John Poehling | 689 Milwaukee Marquette |
| 176 Jason Sanger | 702 Racine St. Catherine's |
| 682 LaCrosse Aquinas | 707 Newman |
| 150 Jeff Connell | 707 Greendale Martin Luther |
| 174 Matt Nelson | 717 St Mary's Springs |
| 184 Nate Holler | |
| 176 Jim Dobson | |
| 187 Mason Werner | |
| 689 Marquette | |
| 171 John Cesarz | |
| 178 James DeQuire | |
| 179 Pat Jennings | |
| 174 Ryan Schmus | |
| 175 Dan Reuter | |
| 717 Martin Luther | |
| 152 Edvins Erkmanis | |
| 169 Bill Pilger | |
| 191 Joe Hoffman | |
| 210 Brett Seider | |
| 211 Dan Jepsen | |
| 702 St. Catherine's | |
| 174 Derek Anzalone | |
| 169 Brian Anzalone | |
| 184 Eric Malone | |
| 176 Dave McDonnell | |
| 183 Nick Sanders | |

Golf Coaches Advisory Committee October 26, 1994 Minutes

This summary represents the recommendations of this Committee and is not to be construed as a revision of existing rules or regulations. Final action on all items will be taken by the Board of Control at their January meeting.

Committee in attendance: Carl Olson (Barron), Diane Fjelstad (Chetek), Charles Menzel (Green Bay Preble), Joe Harlow (Kewaskum), Lowell Bakken (Madison LaFollette) and Ernie Niemann (Watertown). Deb Hauser attended the meeting representing the WIAA. The meeting was chaired by Ernie Niemann and the minutes were recorded by Diane Fjelstad.

Certificates were given to Ernie Niemann, Carl Olson, and Diane Fjelstad. A pin was given to Charles Menzel.

I. SEASON REGULATIONS

- A. Last years minutes were reviewed with no additions or corrections.
- B. Reviews WIAA Season Regulations
- C. Concern was expressed about the inability to have a practice round without it counting towards the maximum allowable meets at regional/sectional courses.

WIAA State Girls Runner up: Onalaska HS. Heather Fee, Cara Herzog, Megan Dunham, Crystal VanRiper, Kristen Pederson, Coach Linda Mills.



Motion by Carl Olson, seconded by Joe Harlow, to recommend one practice round at the regional, sectional and state sites be allowed without it counting towards the maximum allowable meets. Passed - unanimously.

D. Discussion of Rule 14b (1) - Dress Code. Athlete will not participate if improperly dressed. No penalty will be assessed as far as strokes, but the host school manager is responsible for enforcing the dress code and not permitting the golfer to play if not properly attired as written in the WIAA Fall/Spring Season Regulations.

Motion by Carl Olson, seconded by Joe Harlow, to recommend that the word "collared" be added to the shirt. It was strongly recommended that players not wear jeans. A penalty stroke will not be assessed, but the player would not be allowed to play, or if on the course, the player would be disqualified. The host school would be responsible for enforcing the rule. Passed 6-1.

Motion by Lowell Bakken, seconded by Joe Harlow, to recommend that additional language be added to not allow caps to be worn backwards. Passed 5-2.

II. Tournament Procedures

A. Reviewed WIAA Tournament Procedures.

B. Discussion of rule 14f. It was recommended that for the state tournament, all spectators must remain on the cart path, or in the rough when the path ends, at all times. Coaches will be identified by some type of tag.

C. Awards

Motion by Diane Fjelstad, seconded by Lowell Bakken, to recommend that all players tied for fifth place at sectionals advance to state competition and receive medals in girls competition due to the fact there are no divisions.

Motion by Carl Olson, seconded by Diane Fjelstad, to recommend that if there is a tie at state for second place, duplicate trophies and medals be awarded. Playoffs would be conducted to identify the first place team only. Passed - unanimously.

Motion by Ernie Niemann, seconded by Joe Harlow, to recommend individual medals be awarded to the top 10 individual places at the state meet in all divisions for both boys and girls. Passed - unanimously.

III. Golf Playing Rules

A. Rules Interpretation Meetings were discussed.

Many items were identified for discussion at these meetings.

IV Miscellaneous

A. Motion made by Lowell Bakken, seconded by Carl Olson, to recommend that the girls state tournament be held at University Ridge in Madison for 1995 if funding is available,

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the October 23, 1994 board meeting at Winagamie G.C.

Members present: Joe Harlow, Mary Beth Nienhaus, Steve Stephans, Tom Conrad, Ted Devine, TJ Dieck, Don Marx, Chuck Menzel, Ernie Niemann and Bob Schweder.

The meeting was called to order by Joe Harlow at 12:00 pm.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the spring meeting were read by Joe Harlow. A motion was made by Ernie Niemann to accept the minutes as read. Bob Schweder seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report

The financial report was distributed. TJ warned that the balance fell under \$200 this summer. He believes we must be sure we have funding before we take on additional projects.

NCAA's Report

Steve Stephans reported that he will retire from golf coaching in spring of 1995. Possible replacements were discussed. Steve reported that the WSUC conference may be adding women's golf. He also reports that only Eau Claire will have a men's program in 1995-96.

President's Report

Joe read a letter Kaz addressed to the WIAA. The discussion centered around the lack of WIAA recognition of the contributions of the Golf Foundation of Wisconsin.

Adding a third WISAA representa-

tive was tabled since no WISAA members were in attendance.

Spring clinic information was distributed. Forms and payments should be sent to Mary Beth. Information about the clinic will be published in the WIAA Bulletin and the *Coach Approach*.

Don Marx made a motion that coaches must be a member of the WISGCA for five years to be eligible to receive the association's 25 year plaque. The motion was seconded by Bob Schweder. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recommendations to the WIAA Dress Code for Regional, Sectional and State: Boys and Girls: Shirts with collars and sleeves, no denim pants, dress shorts. Bills of caps should not be reversed.

Coaching on the course: Coaches will wear a badge or arm band to identify them to all competitors. All galleries stay on cart paths (at the Ridge) or in the rough if there are no cart paths.

Format for the WIAA tournament series: Try seeding at all levels of competition and practice using nine hole average.

Tournament assignments: No WIAA tournament should be held at a course where there is limited access. Provide a practice round for regional and sectional that does not count toward the fourteen meet limit. Summer rules do not have to be played if the conditions

warrant winter rules. However, winter rules should only be allowed in the player's own fairway.

All State Team

First Team:

Kim Reid, LaFollette; Michelle Thierer, Eau Claire North; Ann Marsh, Rice Lake; Rhebe Mabe, Marshfield; Andrea Klee, Appleton West; Andrea Meeker, Milton.

Second Team:

Kate Theune, LaCrosse Central; Erika Toeppe, Racine **Case;** Megan Dunham, Onalaska; Trish Magaw and Lauren Essig, Kettle Moraine; Margaret Johnson, Waukesha South; Julie Walsh, Watertown.

Third Team:

Crystal VanRiper, Onalaska; Bridget Hoepner, Eau Claire North; Sara Pirk, Racine Park; Julie Strang, Brookfield Central; Ericka Stockwell, Appleton West; Amy Stockwell, Racine Park.

Honorable Mention:

Tara Clemons, Kelly Kleinsmith, and Nikki Tabbert, Holmen; Molly Diemer, Marinette; Kelly Sreehan, Mukwonago; Selena Jacobson, Darlington.

A motion was made to adjourn by Bob Schweder and seconded by TJ Dieck. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ten Thousand Dollars!

\$10,000! That's the amount of money the Golf Foundation of Wisconsin has committed to spend in support of high school golf for 1995! **Ten Thousand dollars!**

That's a large sum of money, and as high school golf coaches we will be the recipient of that money. Sure, every high school golf coach in Wisconsin is thankful that the Golf Foundation of Wisconsin supports the WIAA and the WISAA State Tournaments at University Ridge, and yes, the players and coaches love going there, but ? . . .

But, how can a nonprofit organization, funded by donations, afford to support high school golf to that degree? Well, they believe deeply in what we are doing and want to see our players have the greatest experience possible at the State Tournament. But . . . they may need a little of our help. The spring issue of the Coach Approach will contain information on how your team can help the GFW meet their monetary goals so they can continue to help us and junior golf in the state of Wisconsin. Hopefully, you will be able to assist in a small way so that our state tournaments can continue at University Ridge. It certainly is in our best interest!

WISAA State Champions: Waukesha Catholic Memorial: Front- Tom Manthe, Jim Boedecker, Mike Connelly. Back Row: Jack Farrell, Coach Steve Plechaty, Bryon Riesch.

WHSGCA Name Girls All State

All State Team

First Team: Kim Reid, LaFollette; Michelle Thierer, Eau Claire North; Ann Marsh, Rice Lake; Rhebe Mabe, Marshfield; Andrea Klee, Appleton West; Andrea Meeker, Milton.

Second Team: Kate Theune, LaCrosse Central; Erika Toeppe, Racine Case; Megan Dunhum, Onalaska; Trish Magaw and Lauren Essig, Kettle Moraine; Margaret Johnson, Waukesha South; Julie

Walsh, Watertown.

Third Team: Crystal VanRiper, Onalaska; Bridget Hoepner, Eau Claire North; Sara Pirk, Racine Park; Julie Strang, Brookfield Central; Ericka Stockwell, Appleton West; Amy Stockwell, Racine Park.

Honorable Mention: Tara Clemons, Kelly Kleinsmith, and Nikki Tabbert, Holmen; Molly Diemer, Marinette; Kelly Sheehan, Mukwonago; Selena Jacobson, Darlington.

Kate Theune, LaCrosse Central, finished second at the WIAA State Girls Golf Tournament.



1994 WIAA State Girls Golf Tournament

University Ridge, October 10-11

5th Annual Madison
Edgewood Invita-
tional
Yahara Hills GC**782 Appleton West**

172 Andrea Klee
193 Erika Stockwell
201 Lilly Peka
230 Kristy Baehler
216 Joy Shealer

784 Holmen

195 Tara Clemons
213 Kelly Kleinsmith
184 Nicki Tabbert
204 Laura Krumenauer
210 Megan Uhl

794 Homestead

201 Sara Coffman
195 Becky Zurawski
191 Katie Fromell
209 Susan Gumermann
212 Leah Knight

773 Kettle Moraine

174 Trish Magaw
174 Lauren Essig
217 Kim Durante
209 Anne Comeau
237 Angie Eschle

799 LaCrosse Central

163 Kate Theune
192 Arminda Yutuc
187 Kristy Stokke
261 Jeanie Simmons
259 Joanie Krzykowski

761 Madison LaFollette

151 Kim Reid
202 Sara Steinmetz
198 Melissa Newman
210 Lynn Malec
256 Erin Hallingstad

760 Onalaska

178 Crystal VanRiper
168 Meghan Dunham
196 Cara Herzog
245 Heather Fee
218 Kristen Peterson

719 Racine Horlick

170 Colette Konicek
179 Ani Mikaelian
183 Michelle Lesko
187 Jodi Dresen
237 Carly Oleson

793 Racine Park

184 Sara Pirk
211 Amy Sasse
214 Heather Bowen
223 Amanda Schneider
191 Amy Zelinger

844 Waupaca

205 Lisa Sclatter
212 Kim Lavold
220 Liza Peterson
222 Lana Sorenson
210 Angela Peterson

Individual Qualifiers

191 Julie Strang, Brook Central
181 Bridgett Hoepner, ECNorth
164 Michelle Thierer, ECNorth
199 Rachel Plens, Tremper
237 Lori Landwehr, Lux.-Casco
210 Tiffany Wohlfeil, Lux.-Casco
198 Molly Diemer, Marinette
174 Andrea Meeker, Milton
200 Brynne McBride, Neenah
183 Roxie Kemp, Northwestern

166 Erika Toeppe, Racine Case

166 Anne Marsh, Rice Lake

168 Kara Thiel, Sheboygan

183 Tonya Urana, Tomah

176 Margaret Johnson, Waukesha

Medalists

151 Kim Reid, Mad LaFollette

163 Kate Theune, LaCrosse Central

164 Michelle Thierer, ECNorth

166 Anne Marsh, Rice Lake

166 Erika Toeppe, Racine Case

168 Kara Thiel, Sheboygan

168 Meghan Dunham, Onalaska

170 Colette Konicek, Horlick

172 Andrea Klee, App West

174 Lauren Essig, Kettle Moraine

174 Trish Magaw, Kettle Moraine

174 Andrea Meeker, Milton

Team Results

719 Racine Horlick

760 Onalaska

761 Madison LaFollette

773 Kettle Moraine

782 Appleton West

784 Holmen

793 Racine Park

794 Homestead

799 LaCrosse Central

844 Waupaca

73 Edvins Erkmans, Greendale
Martin Luther

Ryan Barbieri, Kettle Moraine Lutheran

74 Jeff Connell, LaCrosse Aquinas

75 John Gaschke, Heritage Christian

Jim Boedecker, Waukesha Catholic Memorial

77 Rob Vega, Madison Edgewood JJStaples, Milwaukee Lutheran

78 Bill Pilger, Martin Luther John Cesarz, Milwaukee Marquette

Chris Keenan, St Mary's Spring

Bryon Riesch, Waukesha Catholic Memorial

Joel Rechlicz, Madison Edgewood

Matt Hadley, Wausau Newman

Team Results

311 Catholic Memorial

316 Madison Edgewood

318 LaCrosse Aquinas

321 Milwaukee Marquette

322 Stevens Point Pacelli

327 Kettle Moraine Lutheran

331 Wausau Newman

337 Wisconsin Lutheran

341 Milwaukee Thomas More

342 Martin Luther

343 Kenosha St Joseph

346 Whitefish Bay Dominican

350 St Mary's Spring

351 Fox Valley Lutheran

356 Heritage Christian

362 Appleton Xavier

465 Brookfield Academy



WIAA State Girls Champions:
Racine Horlick, Row 1: Jodi Dresen, Colette Konicek, Summer Savino.
Row 2: Coach Lynette Huberty, Ani Mikaelian, Michelle Lesko, Carly Oleson, Coach Sue Thompson.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Madison Girls Invitational		Oconomowoc Girls Invitational		1994 Watertown Invitational		Mukwonago Girls Invitational	
379	Fond du Lac Goodrich	357	Racine Horlick	378	Racine Horlick	402	Kettle Moraine
381	LaCrosse Central	388	Kettle Moraine	386	Kettle Moraine	403	Brookfield Central
385	Kenosha Tremper	388	Watertown	391	Brookfield Central	404	Racine Horlick
392	Appleton West	389	Divine Savior	394	LaCrosse Central	417	Kenosha Tremper
395	Kettle Moraine	391	Racine Park	403	Watertown	431	Homestead
396	Edgewood	394	Kenosha Tremper	405	Mukwonago	437	Racine Park
402	Milton	407	Racine Case	410	Onalaska	438	Watertown
403	Divine Savior	412	Oconomowoc	413	Kenosha Tremper	443	Mukwonago
408	Homestead	419	Mukwonago	475	Waukesha	454	Divine Savior
408	Waukesha	426	Arrowhead	487	Arrowhead	454	Oconomowoc
419	Watertown	426	West Bend East		Medalists	475	Waukesha
426	Oconomowoc	431	Waukesha	80	Lauren Essig, Kettle Moraine	479	Nicolet
427	Madison LaFollette	436	Antioch, IL	82	Colette Konicek, Horlick	497	Arrowhead
431	Sun Prairie	445	West Bend West	90	Arminda Yutac, LaCrosse Central	509	Whitewater
435	Mukwonago	462	Beaver Dam	90	Trish Magaw, Kettle Moraine	514	Franklin
438	Madison West	462	Delavan Darien	91	Ani Mikaelian, Racine Horlick	529	Brookfield East
441	Madison Memorial	491	Darlington	91	Kelly Sheehan, Mukwonago		Medalists
477	Darlington	508	East Troy	91	Julie Walsh, Watertown	79	Trish Hagen, Kettle Moraine
481	Delavan Darien		Medalists	92	Andrea Peterson, Watertown	87	Colette Konicek, Horlick
483	Sheboygan South	83	Colette Konicek, Horlick	94	Krsity Stokke, LaCrosse Central	87	Lauren Essig, Kettle Moraine
489	Madison East	85	Amy Zelinger, Racine Park	94	Bridget Duncan, Brook Central	89	Kelly Sheehan, Mukwonago
495	Middleton	87	Julie Walsh, Watertown	94	Crystal VanRiper, Onalaska	93	Andrea Wulz, Oconomowoc
497	Nicolet	88	Lauren Essig, Kettle Moraine	95	Margaret Johnson, Waukesha	93	Julie Strang, Brook Central
498	East Troy	88	Erika Toeppe, Racine Case	96	Anita Fabos, Brook Central	95	Margaret Johnson, Waukesha
499	Lancaster	88	Erika Toeppe, Racine Case	96	Rachel Plens, Tremper	96	Julie Walsh, Watertown
		88	Kelly Sheehan, Mukwonago	97	Kate Thuene, LaCrosse Central	99	Rayna Seaman, Brook Central
		89	Margaret Johnson, Waukesha	97	Kim Durante, Kettle Moraine	99	Leigh Ann Mondrawickas, Tremper
		89	Ani Mikaelian, Racine Horlick	97	Julie Strang, Brook Central	99	Ani Mikaelian, Racine Horlick
		91	Vicki Smith, West Bend East	98	Meghan Dunham, Onalaska		
		91	Jodi Dresen, Racine Horlick				
		92	Trish Magaw, Kettle Moraine				
		93	Natasha VonRoenn, Div. Savior				
		94	Mary DeGeiure, Divine Savior				
		94	Michelle Lesko, Racine Horlick				
		95	Jayne Kolinski, Divine Savior	375	Onalaska		Medalists
		95	Nicki Toeppe, Racine Case	398	Holmen	83	Michelle Thierer, EC North
		95	Liz Weis, West Bend West	402	Eau Claire North	84	Tanya Vrana, Tomah
		96	Rachel Plens, Kenosha Tremper	415	Sparta Red	85	Meghan Dunham, Onalaska
		96	Leigh Ann Mondrawickas, Tremper	455	Westby	85	Crystal VanRiper, Onalaska
		97	Ami Opalewski, Arrowhead	464	Hayward	96	Tara Clemons, Holmen
		97	Andrea Jensen, Oconomowoc	465	Middleton	97	Nikki Tabbert, Holmen
		97	Sara Pirk, Racine Park	475	LaCrosse Loagan	98	Bridgett Hoepner, EC North
		97	Angie Buneta, East Troy	482	Lancaster	98	Kelly Kleinsmith, Holmen
		98	Sarah Rocknow, Antioch	483	GET	98	Hanne Backgaard, Westby
		98	Micki Warzella, West Bend East	484	Darlington		
		99	Stephanie Saniter, Watertown	486	Viroqua		
		99	Andrea Wulz, Oconomowoc	490	Sparta Gold		
		99	Amy Sasse, Racine Park	498	Tomah		
				508	CFC		

Sparta Invitational
September 10, 1994

Sparta Invitational September 10, 1994	
	Medalists
83	Michelle Thierer, EC North
84	Tanya Vrana, Tomah
85	Meghan Dunham, Onalaska
85	Crystal VanRiper, Onalaska
96	Tara Clemons, Holmen
97	Nikki Tabbert, Holmen
98	Bridgett Hoepner, EC North
98	Kelly Kleinsmith, Holmen
98	Hanne Backgaard, Westby

Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association

Spring Clinic

Saturday, March 25, 1995

Western Lakes Golf Club

W287 N1963 Oakton Road; Pewaukee, WI 53072; (414) 691-0900

featuring: Manuel de la Torre



- 8:00 - 8:30 Registration
8:30 - 10:30 Rules Seminar (Presented by WSGA and Gene Haas)
10:30 - 11:45 Manuel de la Torre, Nationally Acclaimed PGA Teaching Professional
11:45 - 12:30 Luncheon Buffet
12:30 - 3:30 Manuel de la Torre

Manuel's presentation will be taught with the coaches viewpoint in mind. It will center around productive teaching methods for our student athletes.

Accommodations: Holiday Inn in Waukesha ((414) 786-0460)

\$64.00 Double* (Room block under WHSGCA. Use confirmation # 64829406 to reserve room)

* Please reserve room by January 24th at the Special Rate

Registration Form

Name: _____ School: _____

Address: _____ School Address: _____

Send Checks and Registration to:

Mary Beth Nienhaus-

Appleton West, 610 N. Badger Avenue, Appleton, WI 54914

\$25.00 per member Coach

\$38.00 per non-member Coach (includes membership)

The Seminar includes a Luncheon Buffet (11:45 - 12:30)

To Help Them Be the Best They Can Be

By Kaz

Part 1

Working with young people, especially in golf can be described, at various times, as exciting, challenging, frustrating, fun, disappointing, devastating and euphoric, but it can never be described as boring. Our golfers certainly see to that. These emotions exist because golf is a physical and a mental game, full of challenges to overcome. We as coaches are charged with the responsibility of improving our youngsters so they can be the best they can be.

To help them reach their full potential, both aspects - mental and physical, must be coached. With help from Dr. Bob Rotella of the University of Virginia, let's take another look at the mental side of this game.

According to Dr. Rotella, "golfers cannot control all of the events that will happen to them, but they can control their response to them." Mentally golfers must maintain their focus, regardless of good or bad breaks, so they can achieve at his highest potential level. If a ball glances off a tree limb and out of bounds, a youngster will bemoan their bad luck rather than concentrating on their next shot played from the same position. Instead of seeing the ball fly again into the tree, as the first one did, the golfer must focus on the intended target in a positive manner. This skill for most younger players is very difficult. Yet coaches need to work with their players on this mental control because, "golfers cannot control their performance until they learn to control their minds and emotions."

According to Dr. Rotella, "to advance from beginner level to a level of halfway or two-thirds of the way to the best of one's ability requires self discipline to work physically on the technical fundamentals of the game." To become a good player, an individual must like to practice, and not just on the golf course, but rather on the practice range. It helps if a player enjoys being by him or herself because there won't always be somebody to practice with. It certainly is more fun to practice with others, but how many of your high school players don't practice in the summer because there is no one around with whom to share the practice range experience. Players who need others around in order to practice are looking for companionship, while players who are eager to work on their game, even if by themselves, are truly interested in reaching their potential! To reach this potential requires self-discipline and a strong, positive mental approach.

"The self-discipline to work diligently and persistently on the practice range is essential. To develop the technical efficiency that allows the golfer to trust his or her swing, most players must spend countless hours ingraining these fundamentals, often times on hot humid summer days."

Most players who are willing to work hard to be the best they can be have what Dr. Rotella refers to as "the training mindset." "It is a conscious mindset involving attempts to take control over one's life and one's golf game. It is character-

ized by trying harder, forcing it to happen, making it happen, being certain to be ready, and constantly analyzing, evaluating, judging and criticizing. The training mindsets an active mindset dominated by working on weaknesses and analyzing and evaluating past mistakes and preparing for future challenges."

And while many coaches and most players use the training mindset to help them improve their, or their players, games, it is often induced by fear or worry: two forms of negative thinking that can hinder progress. "The training mindset is great in early stages of development, and is useful some of the time on the driving range" later in a player's development. "It is an essential building block."

As coaches in order to help our golfers really be the best they can be, we need to go beyond this training mindset to a higher teaching device. Some players will never get beyond this level, but our better players need more from us. A love of the game, self-discipline, and an ability to accept good and bad breaks equally well will help propel a young player towards being the best they can be!

But there is a higher mindset that, if acquired, will really help move a player to the highest level of high school competition. That will be the subject of the next installment of "To Help Them Be the Best They Can Be."

Dr. Robert Rotella is a professor of Sports Psychology at the University of Virginia. Dr. Rotella works with a number of touring professionals and writes for *Golf Digest*.

MANUEL de la TORRE TO SPEAK AT SPRING CLINIC '95

Change has produced a new date, location and format for our coaches Spring Clinic for 1995.

The clinic will be hosted by the Western Lakes Golf Club in Pewaukee on Saturday March 25th. This golf facility will provide us with a comfortable professional setting for our seminar.

Registration will be from 8:00 to 8:30 am. A rules presentation by the W.S.G.A. will follow until 10:30. From 10:30 to 11:45 Manuel de la Torre will begin his presentation. A buffet luncheon will be served from 11:45 to 12:30.

After lunch Manuel will continue his presentation to provide us with invaluable insights into the art of teaching students the game of golf. Mr. de la Torre's teaching perceptions have produced numerous Touring Professionals. We believe this Spring Clinic will rival any national clinic in quality of presentation and are asking for your overwhelming support.

Manuel de la Torre has amassed a very impressive list of credentials including his teaching expertise. Take advantage of this clinic opportunity and sign up today!

Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association
c/o Lee Kaczmarek
Waukesha South High School
401 E. Roberta Avenue
Waukesha, WI 53186

Biography of Manuel de la Torre

1936: Arrived in the US from Spain.
1951: Became head professional at Milwaukee CC.
1952, 53, 55, 61, 68: Wisconsin State Open Champion
1953, 55, 57, 59, 70, 72, 74, 76, 87: Wisconsin Match, Medal Senior PGA Champion
1950-51: PGA Tour
1955, 56, 65, 69: Wisconsin Professional of the Year
1959, 60, 61: National PGA Vice President, District 6
1975: Inducted into Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame
1978: 1st Place National PGA Senior Championship @ Dksreyworld (tie, lost play-off)
1986: Received 1st National PGA Teacher of the Year Award
1991: Named by Golf Digest- Top 50 Best Teachers

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