



# The Coach Approach

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## From the Clubhouse:

### Of Clinics, Stars and Wisconsin Golf

Every year, the Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association presents two clinics. One is held at March and the other in June. Now that the March clinic is history, it is easy to say that was one of our best! Jon Stabler, the main clinician, expertly spoke to good turnout of coaches on the mental side of golf. He and his wife, Dr. Deborah Graham, have co-authored a book entitled "The Eight Traits of Champion Golfers" and developed a program called GolfPsych. Jon explained each of the traits and how to improve them. Also, each person attending the clinic received a copy of Jon's book. A special thanks to Dave Blake and Mary Beth Nienhaus for organizing the successful clinic!

The June clinic will be held on Tuesday June 19th at Abbey Springs Golf Club near Lake Geneva. This event will include the annual meeting, clinic, and 18 hole tournament on the challenging Abbey Springs course. For description of how to play the course, read Kaz's article in the Coach Approach. Be sure to send your registration blank and thanks to Tom Conrad and Kaz for setting up the event. Either way, the welcome gift at the clinic will be terrific!

It was great to see Steve Stricker win the Accenture Match Play Championship

in \$1 million in Australia earlier this year. We also watched the Edgerton star compete in the Masters. Also, how about Joe Durant's record performance in ninety hole Bob Hope Chrysler Classic and Anika Sorenstam's 59 in a recent LPGA tournament? Golf is continuing to improve at all levels. It appears to be a combination of talent, excellent conditioned courses, and equipment. Just reminder to high school coaches that illegal equipment is not allowed by USGA. For example, a player using any illegal driver, in the WIAA competition, is automatically disqualified. This should be emphasized to the golfers before each official event.

Hopefully, you learned a lot about the rules of golf by taking the recent WIAA golf rules test. This challenging test, created by Kaz, was an excellent learning tool. By forcing you to dig for answers in the rules book and decisions book, you definitely expanded your knowledge. Two basic concepts to keep in mind when playing by the rules of golf are: Play the ball as it lies and the course as you find it. My favorite rule is 3-3 which deals with doubt as to procedure. When there is doubt as to procedure in stroke play, play two balls and submit the situation the committee at the completion of the round for a proper ruling. If you have a question on a ruling that can't be resolved, don't hesitate to call the WSGA for an answer. Call 262-786-4301 before 6 PM and 414-718-3796 after 6 PM. Tom Schmidt and his staff are always willing to help us out in rules interpretations.

The WHSGCA continues to work diligently to improve high school golf in the State of Wisconsin. As president of the association, I have the opportunity to be a part of the WIAA golf advisory committee.

Other members of the committee are Kathy Kiger (Hortonville), Joan Olson (Sparta), Jake Orlowski (DePere), Dave Roberts (Brookfield East), and Mike Sibotta (Arcadia). Deb Hauser of the WIAA works with the committee and is definitely a friend of high school golf. One of the many positive things adopted by the WIAA this year is the addition of another sectional for girls golf. This will increase the number of teams going to state from 12 to 14 and individuals from 18 to 21. Also this will cut down on the size of the sectionals and could lead eventually to the dividing of girls golf into two divisions.

Good luck, boys golf coaches, as you begin your spring season! Hopefully, it will be a rewarding season for you and your players. Please call me (Home: 608-348-9995) or any other board member if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to Wisconsin high school golf. Have a great golf season!

Dick McKichan  
WHSGCA president

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# The Practice Tee

## A Logical Approach to the Short Game

Are you looking for a short game teaching method that is easy and logical in its approach? How about one that is so simple that your freshman can understand and follow? Read on if you answered yes to the above questions.

Generally, your players should choose one of three clubs for use around the greens. I would suggest they include an eight iron, wedge and lob wedge or if the player lacks a lob wedge, then substitute with a sand wedge. By practicing properly with these three clubs and thus learning the effect they have on a golf ball, the player's short game will improve! Since each of these clubs has a different loft and imparts a differing amount of spin on the ball, proper practice is necessary, but teaching the system should be so easy, that improvement should come quickly.

The **first** system concept you should teach is to always try to land the ball onto the green surface. This is done because the ball will react (bounce and roll) more predictably when it lands on the green rather than in the fringe. Once your players understand this concept, then begin teaching the second concept.

The **second** concept involves teaching the proper set-up and club motion. For these short-shots, the elimination of head motion and any extra body motion is vital to the shot's success. In order to establish a solid, movement free swing teach your players to set up with at least 70% of their body weight on their left side (for a right-handed golfer) and then don't move any weight right or left during the swing. Since it is important for all golfers to have more weight on their left side at impact, we preset the weight there at address so we can forget about moving

left during the swing. Have the golfers choke down on their clubs to the bottom of the grip. This is done in order to make the club as light as possible. Since this is a short shot that does not require length, a light club will still provide the necessary distance. Finally, the player should use straight arms throughout the stroke. Form a triangle with the two arms and an imaginary line running through the shoulders. Swing this triangle back from the target, then through to the target. That is the entire stroke! **DO NOT** use the wrists in this stroke as they will tend to further complicate the motion and are really not necessary for these short shots.

The **third** concept to teach is proper club selection. The player should **ALWAYS** think of using the eight iron as the club of first choice. Having the least amount of loft, the eight iron will produce the most consistent spin and roll so you can hit more shots that consistently finish in the correct spot. The lob wedge would produce the most spin, but the amount of spin would vary from shot to shot, so the shots would be more inconsistent than an eight iron. Some lob wedge shots would have more spin and less roll, while others would produce variably less spin and more roll. Not knowing how much spin and roll you would get from shot to shot produces more variable results than with the eight iron. But, sometimes the situation calls for a more lofted shot. A more lofted club is necessary when the player has determined that a properly struck eight iron chip shot that lands just onto the putting surface will result in a ball that goes beyond the hole. In this case, using the wedge to produce a higher flying shot with more backspin may be the correct choice. If, through experience, the player still visualizes the ball landing on the putting surface and going beyond the hole, then he/she should use the lob wedge as a club of last resort. Remember, the more lofted the club, the less predictable will be the result of the shot!

### Faults and Fixes:

1. One major problem you probably will face with your players is their unwillingness to opt for the eight iron as their club of first choice. Some will want

to use a wedge, sand wedge or lob wedge for almost all their shots around the green. Have a contest with them and show that you can out-chip them using an eight iron, or have them watch the touring pros on TV to see how frequently they hit low flying chip and run shots from around the green rather than hitting lob shots. Yes, they do hit those high lob shots when the situation calls for the shot, but they know it is a low percentage shot that is played only as a last resort.

2. The use of the wrists can be a major problem for some less talented golfers. Try as they might, they will flick at the ball, letting the left wrist break down at or before impact, resulting in miss-hit shots. You can cure their problem in one of several ways.

a. Have them bow out the left wrist (again for a right-handed player) and swing through the ball with the wrist maintaining the same position through the swing. This will result in the left wrist being closer to the target than the club-head at the finish of the swing.

b. Have them grip the chipping iron in the lifeline of the left hand. Using this type of grip makes it difficult to move the wrists at any point during the swing.

c. Teach the players to keep the butt end of the grip touching the inside of the left wrist and arm throughout the swing, thereby eliminating any possible breakdown of the wrist.

3. De-accelerating the club during the forward motion, causing the player to hit the ground first.

This is a common problem that can cause much frustration for young golfers. They must be taught a pendulum swing in which the forward swing is equal to or longer than the back swing. Emphasize that the club is to be swung toward the target, not at the ball! Also emphasize that the back swing should be shortened. An overly long back swing sends a message to our sub-conscious mind that we will hit the ball too far, so we unknowingly slow the club during the forward motion to prevent a shot that travels too far.

Try this short game method with your team. Show them how easy it is to follow and how successful they will be through its use. It may prove to be the secret to your team's success this season!

# The First Tee

## The Philosophy of Golf

### Focus:

One of the Eight traits demonstrated by Champion Golfers is an above-average ability to narrow their focus over the ball and ignore everything going on around them, no matter what the circumstances.

Narrowing your focus also means keeping out thoughts such as high expectations or overemphasizing the intended results.

Champions are really good at relaxing their focus between shots, then being able to narrow their focus as they approach the ball, thinking only about the upcoming shot.

Champion Golfers treat every shot the same, giving each their total concentration. Most players find this to be most difficult on days of extremes when their physical play is either really good or really bad. On those days when you are playing really well, you can fall victim to excitement, anticipation, expectation or even the fear of success. On bad days focus can be lost to frustration, anger, mechanical thoughts or fear of embarrassment by poor play.

### Abstract Thinking:

One mental discipline involves playing with a quiet, peaceful mind. This is extremely difficult to do in golf because of the large amounts of idle time between shots. That down time allows ample opportunity to get down on yourself, analyze and worry about your mistakes, fear failure, and do mental damage to yourself.

It's easier to hit a softball with a bat even though the ball is moving when you hit it. In golf, the ball sits squarely in front of you and you begin to think about how to hit it or you begin focusing on negative results, etc. When you hit a softball, you are reacting to the ball rather than analyzing how to hit it.

The more intelligent you are, the more important it is to clear your mind between shots and to simplify your thoughts once you get over the ball.

The biggest challenge is to keep your thoughts in **this** moment and not in the past or the future!

### Emotional Stability:

Try to remain stable during competition. Do **NOT** allow mood swings involving anger, fear, frustration, disappointment, elation or anticipation to be part of your thoughts!

Do not become too result focused, as this will allow increased tension to creep into your swing.

Emphasize to yourself that you can and should make the smoothest swing possible on each and every shot, then find the ball and repeat again.

Try to emphasize simply hitting shots and stroking putts rather than worrying about the actual outcomes of these shots.

### Dominance:

This measures how submissive or easygoing a golfer is versus how aggressive, dominant and competitive he/she is.

You need to be enough of a risk taker to give yourself an opportunity to score, yet not be so aggressive that you try to force opportunities with low percentage shots.

Players who are too submissive tend to manage the course too conservatively or play defensively, seldom getting the most out of their skills. This often results in high scores coming immediately after low scores and a tendency to play poorly when in the lead. Players who are too dominant, on the other hand, have a compulsion to overpower the course or their shots and often get themselves into trouble.

Try to develop a moderately aggressive game plan before each round.

### Tough-mindedness:

A tender-minded person is sensitive to other people and their needs, showing courtesy, thoughtfulness and compassion. The tough-minded person is at the other extreme. This person remains self-centered, indifferent and unmoved by the needs of those around him/her.

Champion golfers test above average in their abilities to remain tough-minded. This means they're not distracted by sensitivities to the thoughts and feelings of others when they compete. A tough-minded player doesn't care what other players might think of his/her swing or how unhappy friends and/or playing partners might be with their own poor play.

The advantage is in competition, where little focus is lost by being concerned for others or to worries about bad weather and other conditions. The disadvantage is in interpersonal relationships, where a lack of compassion can put a great strain on or even destroy personal friendships.

A champion golfer is someone who can be tough-minded on the golf course yet tender-minded in friendships that are important to that person.

### Confidence:

Confidence is vital in golf because the game can quickly and easily crush an apprehensive player.

It is important to have strong confidence or the power of positive imagery.

There is personal confidence, which is a healthy respect for, and belief in, yourself, and there is performance confidence, which reflects your current belief in your golf skills.

### Self-sufficiency:

Golf requires skill at making decisions and committing to the decisions you make. In fact, the persistent challenge of decision-making draws many people to this challenging sport.

Golfers of all levels can lower their scores simply by challenging themselves to get fully committed to every shot and putt before they hit them. Most good players would agree that being committed to the wrong shot would typically give them better results than being uncommitted to the right shot.

Commit to every shot and putt before execution.

Competitive golf can be particularly difficult for indecisive or group-oriented people, those who prefer to consult with others when making decisions. It is especially tough for those who prefer that others make their decisions for them.

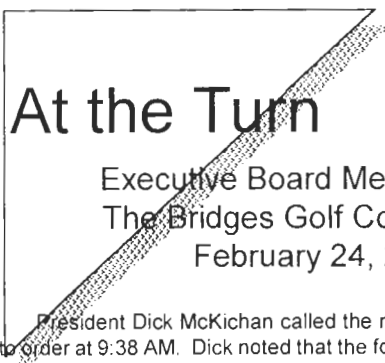
Group-oriented and indecisive

players must either learn how to increase their self-sufficiency or adopt a sport that requires fewer decision-making skills than golf.

#### **Optimal arousal:**

If there were a relaxation scale of one to ten, one being the most relaxed, ten being the most tense then rifle shooting would be a two. Sports that require the adrenaline to be pumping, such as football would score about an eight or nine. Golf, on the other hand, requires that you remain between a four and a six, getting more relaxed from tee to green to make better use of the fine motor skills needed for the short game.

from Dr Deborah Graham & Jon Stabler, *8 Traits of Champion Golfers*



President Dick McKichan called the meeting to order at 9:38 AM. Dick noted that the following board members who were not in attendance called and cited the serious road conditions for their absence. Those not present were: Joe Harlow, Tom Conrad, Cindy Langaard, Ted Devine, Chuck Menzel, Joe Meloy, Chris Schoonover, Mike Sobotta, Mary Beth Nienhaus, and Bob Lehninger.

Bill Berkholtz made a motion to have the November minutes approved as written in the *Coach Approach*, with Singh Grewal seconding.

**Treasury's report** TJ Dieck. TJ reported that revenues were up as well as expenses due to expenditures like the summer clinic umbrella and summer clinic book giveaway. TJ cited the following expenses for 2001 season which included: Golf Foundation \$1000, spring clinic speaker, \$1500, spring clinic books \$1500, annual awards \$1200, summer clinic \$1000, postage \$500, *Coach Approach* \$700, and Web site development \$500.

**Membership** Dick McKichan. Dick stated that our current membership is 269 coaches. He further stated that the clinic sign-up is on current pace for 80 attendees, although, we strongly feel that we must have at least 100 attendees. It was mentioned that we are still need of the district 9 Representative. Singh Grewal resigned after the annual meeting in June. Singh recommended an excellent replacement in Kevin Kravik, who is from the same conference and would provide some needed continuity.

**Special awards** Dick McKichan. *Friend of Golf awards* went to: *Pleasant View Golf Course* who was nominated by Dewey Stendall. *Frank Kyes* who is nominated by Jerry Allen. *Charles Subera* who is nominated by Pat Hauswald. *PGA Friend of Golf awards* went to *Carl Unis*, who was nominated by Bob Collins. *Mike Urban* who was nominated by Don Marx. *Coaches Hall of Fame*

awards will be presented to *Rod Hanson, Mary Beth Nienhaus and Gayle Wilfong at the June meeting*. It was suggested that we relocate the Hall of Fame plaques to the University Ridge Golf Course in Madison upon their approval. It was further noted that we would cover any necessary expenses, and that Don Marx would work with U Ridge to ensure the plaques were installed. TJ Dieck stated that president sends a congratulatory letter to all award winners and that he sends each nominator a form to be completely thoroughly and properly completed and mailed back to TJ.

**Raffle report** Roger Prickette. Roger handed out two coupon books to each board member to sell. TJ stated that Mike Shea from Spaulding would provide the raffle with a set of Hogan Edge irons, six pair of Etonic golf shoes, a Hogan staff bag and 8 dozen Pro Line golf balls. TJ said that he stated the raffle amount of \$5000 or more in the state forms and mentioned that it included the above stated equipment and approximately 50 golf course certificates to include golf and cart. The board thanked Roger Prickette for his efforts in running the raffle.

**Spring clinic** Dave Blake. Dave stated that the spring clinic featuring Jon Stabler from GolfPsych was running smoothly and that Jon's presentation coupled with a book giveaway would probably make this our finest spring clinic to date. Mark Reichlitz stated that a presentation by John Quinellan regarding Wisconsin PGA Junior Tour would be appropriate at this time. Consequently, he will be speaking between 8:45 and 9 at the clinic at Western Lakes golf club on March 10th. Dave provided the following itinerary

- 8 to 8:30 Registration
- 8:30 to 8:45 WIAA news, rules, regulations
- 8:45 to 9 Wisconsin PGA Junior tour
- 9 to 11:30 Jon Stabler GolfPsych presentation
- 11:30 to 12:30 lunch
- 12:30 to 3 John Stabler continues GolfPsych presentation

**June clinic** Kaz. Kaz stated that our contract with Abbey Springs golf course in Lake Geneva requires 75 attendees. Kaz stated that the \$80 entry fee would include golf, cart, lunch, clinic, welcome gift and 5 dollars per person toward pro shop prizes for the tournament. It was stated that the seven person all-state selection committee will meet at 9 AM Monday morning June 18th at the golf course with the all-state selection meeting to be began promptly following the round. Kaz has set three other tee times starting at 12 for the remaining board members. The selection meeting and board meeting/dinner will be held at the Abbey Springs restaurant, with the annual meeting to take place in the Abbey Springs clubhouse. Jack Shoger, will conduct a clinic from 10:15 to 11:15 immediately following the general meeting which will start at 8:30 with registration at 8. The all-state selection committee includes Tom Conrad, Chuck Menzel, Dick McKichan, Singh Grewal, Kaz, Bob Lehninger, and Dave Blake.

**Welcome gift** Dave Blake. Dave presented many options and stated that the cresting mini-mums are now between 100 to 160 items making the selection process more difficult since our summer clinic normally has about 80 attendees. The board decided to get every summer clinic attendee a Millennium Leather writing pad, with

the interior organizer. The leather portfolio is a \$35 item and is beautiful. The gift is another example of your board giving back to the membership, and we'll have an additional expense of \$11 for every annual meeting attendee above the \$80 summer clinic fee. TJ stated that we would also have 4 shirts, 4 unique bag tags, and 4 head covers donated by the Wisconsin Golf Foundation for the summer clinic.

**WIAA** Dick McKichan. The WIAA decided that University Ridge could be available for regular season tournament play as it has been in the past. There was a discussion about creating two girls divisions, although, current sentiment states that would require at least an additional 12 schools or so. Although that discussion led to a change in number of competing schools, raising the number from 12 to 14, and individuals from 18 to 21. These changes were approved. A conversation regarding the mandatory maximum of 14 schedule varsity matches to place. It was stated that the schools varsity golf schedule may have a maximum of 14 matches. John Lonergan made a motion that the coaches association continue to pursue a right to schedule a scrimmage or practice round at University Ridge in Madison which will become a 15th schedule match. That motion was unanimously approved and will be brought to WIAA advisory board meeting next fall. Later in the meeting, illegal golf clubs were discussed. The WIAA stated that we will have always conformed or followed USGA rules. We suggest that the host coach explain the WIAA position on the use of illegal clubs during his local rules and information meeting with the players prior to each match. Penalty for use of illegal clubs, during match, will be the immediate disqualification. The early starting date of the girls season was discussed, although no modification to schedule was made. This may be a topic of discussion at our summer clinic at Abbey Springs.

#### **College report** no report given

**WHSGCA web site** John Lonergan. John stated that a former student of his owns N-connect, and that they have offered to help set up the site at no cost to us and that the site would be provided by N-connect at no charge. John asked that we budget \$500 to cover any miscellaneous charges. John mentioned that the following could be presented on web site:

- forms — players, coaches, hole-in-one, and all-state playing and academic forms
- link to colleges and coaches
- past all-state teams
- past special award winners
- current membership list
- current board member list

John stated that any other significant items would be added and please forward any other ideas to him or any other board members

**Ireland golf Update** Dick McKichan. As of February 24th, 20 coaches will be traveling to Ireland on June 21st to June 28th.

**Pace of play meeting** Joe Harlow. A brief discussion followed. Joe will send a letter to all board members with ideas and asking for suggestions.

**National Federation of Coaches Association** Dick McKichan. Dick stated that this was a membership promotion and that their meeting dates would conflict with our normal school season at national destinations and that one of their

topics was pace of play.

**Publicity:** It was stated that Rob Hernandez, of the Wisconsin State Journal, will continue to assist us with timely publicity, and that the board needs to select a publicity chairperson. The *Coach Approach* is always looking for assistance of fellow coaches whenever they might find information on a golf video, golf book, or any other pertinent item. The *Approach* would gladly welcome any articles of interest whether self written or from another source, and to direct these to Kaz at 1819 Sycamore Drive, Waukesha, WI 53189.

Bill Burkholtz motioned to adjourn. It was seconded by John Lonergan and a motion past unanimously at 1:15 PM

Respectively submitted,  
Dave Blake

## Coaches Advisory Committee October 25, 2000 MINUTES

*This summary represents the recommendations of this Committee and is not to be construed as a change or 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, Dick McKichan (Platteville), Mike Sobofta (Araadia), Joan Olson (Sparta), Dave Roberts (Brookfield East), Jake Orlovski (De Pere), and Kathy Kiger (Hortonville). Deb Hauser attended the meeting representing the WIAA. The meeting was chaired by Dick McKichan and the minutes were reorded by Dave Roberts.

Kathy Kigler received a WIAA pin as a recognition of her first year of service on this committee. Joan Olson, Dave Roberts, and Jake Orlovski recieved certificates of appreciation for their three years of service on the committee

### I. 1999 MEETING MINUTES

A. Motion by Mike Sobotta, seconded by Joan Olson, to approve the minutes of the 1999 Golf Coaches Advisory Committee meeting. Passed unanimously.

### II. SEASON REGULATIONS

- A. Review of WIAA Season Regulations  
B. Scheduling of Meetings

Discussion on how to count the 14 allowed meets was held. It was decided that the meet contract should specify which team is invited to a given invitational, e.g., varsity teams only, varsity reserve, etc.

- C. Accurate Scorekeeping by Players

The following procedure will be recommended as a way to verify the accuracy of scorecards following the completion of play

1. Have foursome sit down as a group with an adult following the completion of play
2. Each player shall verify his/her hole by hole score.
3. The card shall be signed properly and turned into the committee.
4. Once submitted to the committee, the score shall be official.

If a scorekeeping error is noted by a parent. The committee shall thank the parent for the input but the player shall not be disqualified. If a coach sees an error being made

on the course, it shall be dealt with immediately.

D. Following examination of calendars through 2008, it was determined that there is not a need to modify the starting date of the girls season. Rationale: many coaches use the days prior to start a school to schedule full 18-hole matches. Schedules for 2001 are already in place. The early start avoids loss of school time during the first few weeks of season. The Golf Coaches Association will discuss this issue at their spring clinic.

- E. Competition on state meet site

Motion by Joan Olson, seconded by Kathy Kiger, to prohibit regular season competition on the state tournament site beginning in fall of 2002. Passed unanimously. (Board of control denied unanimous)

After considerable discussion, it was felt that the state tournament site needed to be a "neutral" site for all golf schools. By allowing local schools to play matches on the course, it was felt they had an advantage. This policy will make access to the state tournament site equal for all golf schools. (Board unanimously denied)

### III. Tournament procedures

- A. Honors

Future mailings detailing tournament information need to indicate that during regional, sectional, and the state tournament play, the player having Honors will tee off first on the next hole.

- B. Greens Fees — Sectional Sites

It was recommended that site hosting sectionals be able to guarantee greens fees rates that are comparable to sectional rate for teams wishing to play practice round on the course. Further, all regional and sectional sites need to be accessible to spectators wishing to watch play.

- C. Motorized Carts — State Tournament

Motion by Dave Roberts, seconded by Jake Orlovski, to not allow anyone, with the exception of coaches with physical limitations, access to a motorized cart. The passed unanimously. This has been the policy for the past two state tournaments and has worked great.

A request to allow coaches of teams a motorized cart for use during play was discussed extensively. The negatives far outweigh the positives. Many using a motorized cars have no regard for other players and are disruptive to play. University Ridge staff prefers that we do not allow motorized cars.

D. Motion by Dave Roberts, seconded by Joan Olson, to recommend the addition of a sectional to the girls tournament series. Passed unanimously. (Board approved unanimously). With the increase in the number of girls golf schools, regional groupings have reached 10 and 11 teams making for a long day at the regional tournament level. The number of girls teams has increased this fall from 113 to 121.

This would increase the number of teams qualifying for the state tournament from 12 to 14 and the number of individuals from 18 to 21. It was felt that this will not negatively impact the state tournament time schedule.

Considerable discussion about the possibility of splitting the girls tournament series into two divisions was held. Geography and lack of daylight in October were pointed out as negatives. It was felt that relief could be provided to the issue up 10 and 11 teams at regional by adding a sectional.

### E. Illegal clubs

There are several new clubs on the market which are illegal by USGA standards. It was noted that since we play by USGA rules, we would not allow these clubs to be used in competition.

### IV. Miscellaneous items

- A. committee replacements

The following individuals were suggested as possible replacements for 2001 committee. Cindy Langaard, Westby; Kevin Kravik, Sparta; Gail Kuhl, Avery; Bob Mellinger, Marinette; and Roger Prickette, Watertown. Dave Blake of Hayward will be the new Coaches Association president.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM

**18th Green**  
**Wisconsin High School  
Golf Coaches  
Association  
Annual Meeting, Summer  
Clinic and Tournament**  
Abbey Springs Golf Course  
June 19th, 2001  
Information

### The Presenter: Mr. Jack Shoger

Our genial host at our up-coming Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association annual meeting, clinic and tournament is head PGA Professional Jack Shoger. Mr. Shoger has been the head professional at Abbey Springs Golf Course since 1984. Besides running a very clean and organized pro shop, Jack is responsible for managing some 21 employees, coordinating over 100 corporate events annually, conducting a junior golf program, setting up and running several annual charity club events and conducting and supervising men's and ladies leagues. In between all that he gives lessons, creates custom clubs for his members and develops a management and budget plan for the club. To say he is busy would be an understatement.

While you may not see him in all of his capacities, what you will notice is his respect and admiration for the high school golf coach. He truly cares about us and the job we are attempting to do!

As you play your round of golf at Abbey Springs, be aware that Mr. Shoger worked with a Golf Course Design Engineer from the famed golf course design firm, Killian Design to recommend and oversee large scale design changes to Abbey Springs. So the course you will experience is, in part, an example of Mr. Shoger's design creativity and overall golf sense. You will appreciate

and admire his talents!

Mr. Shoger graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1979. He was a letterman on the golf team. He passed his playing test at the difficult Milwaukee C.C. to achieve his Class A PGA status. As a player he has won numerous tournaments. In addition he was named as the PGA Honorary Chairman for fund raising for the Wisconsin Children's Hospital. Finally, Jack was selected twice as the Wisconsin PGA Resort Course Merchandiser of the Year!

While that is certainly a full plate of achievements, you will be struck by his gentlemanly manner. He is truly a credit to the game, the Wisconsin PGA and to Abbey Springs!

## The Course: Abbey Springs

Hole Number 12: An absolutely beautiful hole from an elevated tee providing a view overlooking Geneva Lake. This short par four, measuring approximately 336 yards long, plays much shorter than its listed yardage because it is dramatically downhill. It is a slight dogleg left with thick woods, marked as lateral, down the entire left side of the fairway. The right side has very large mature trees somewhat spread out. Although short, the hole can be difficult because the tee shot is tight, so using a fairway wood or long iron for the tee shot is a wise decision. The second shot, usually played with a short iron, is severely downhill. **Beware**, this green slopes from front to back and from left to right so your second shot should be played well short of the flagstick because the ball will run once it lands. There are bunkers both left and right of the green. A great short hole!

Hole Number 13: Another short par four which measures only 305 yards in length, but plays much longer because it is entirely uphill. A new green is under construction here, and it is unknown if it will be in play by June of 2001. Therefore, this hole description reflects the old green. The entire left side of the hole has thick woods marked as a lateral hazard. In addition, there is a fairway bunker down the left side of this fairway. The green feature's a severely sloping two-tiered challenge both for the approach shot and to putting. Another great short par four! From the back of the green, you can see Geneva Lake and Yerkes Observatory in the distance.

Hole Number 14: The second par 5 on the back nine measures 505 yards from the white tees. The heavily wooded left side and the woods immediately behind the green are marked as a lateral hazard. Mature trees are scattered down the right side. This hole features a water hazard in front of the green. Extremely long hitters

whose drive finds the fairway might be tempted to go for this green in two shots, but beware, the putting surface is very shallow. Thus, the shot to the green must be the perfect length or you will find yourself in the water hazard fronting the green, or in the woods (marked lateral) behind the green. If you are laying up on your second shot, obviously the smart play, make sure you do not take too much club as the ball will land on a downhill slope and run quite a distance. The water hazard in front of the green is well below the fairway and the green, so the ball can roll into this hazard from either side. There is also a bunker protecting the front of the green. The putting surface is quite sloped from back to front and downhill putts can easily go off this green. If you make par on this hole, put a big smile on your face because, unfortunately, it won't last long.

Hole Number 15: You now face the most difficult hole at Abbey Springs. Number 15 is a par four measuring 455 yards from the white tees. The tee is elevated but the ball will land into a hill reducing the distance of your drive. The entire left side of the hole is heavily wooded and is marked as a lateral hazard. There is also a bunker down the left side of the fairway. There are scattered mature trees down the right side of this fairway. The fairway is very narrow with big mounds down the right side in the landing area. This hole also features a large bunker to the right of the green. Many well-traveled golfers believe this is the most difficult par four in Wisconsin. There is one excellent point to this hole; they usually plant some very colorful New Guinea impatiens alongside the tee box. At least you'll start this hole with a smile on your face!

Hole Number 16: This par 3 measures 157 yards and plays slightly downhill. A bunker on the right protects the relatively long green. The wooded area to the left is marked as a lateral hazard. This is not a particularly difficult hole unless you go to the right of the bunker!

Hole Number 17: The signature hole at Abbey Springs is a downhill par four approximately 315 yards in length with an extremely elevated tee. Players are afforded a spectacular view of Geneva Lake from the tee area. Played properly, this hole requires a tee shot, which lands 180-200 yards from the tee. The ball will continue to roll for another 30 or 40 yards. Long hitters can hit a four iron, while shorter hitters should use a longer iron or a fairway wood. **Do not hit a driver off this tee!** Both sides of the fairway are lined with mature trees. This is a tight driving hole with an elevation drop of approximately 100 feet. Trouble surrounds this green and the putting surface slopes from front to back. It is important to leave yourself with a wedge or nine iron second shot to the rather small green. This

is a fun hole to play!

Hole Number 18: Although only 353 yards in length, this is a difficult finishing hole. It is a dogleg left with the fairway sloping from left to right. There is out of bounds left and a wooded lateral hazard to the right. The tee shot must be shaped right to left against the slope of the fairway. The second shot, which must go over a rise, means this is a blind shot to a green, which is rather narrow, crowned in the center and well protected by a large bunker to the right. For you short hitters, there is a pond to the left of the fairway short of the out of bounds stakes. Once again proof positive that short holes can be **excellent** challenges.

Enjoy the scenery, the views, the elevation changes, the layout of the holes and the flowers. When you finish your round of golf you will understand why many people believe that Abbey Springs is one of the greatest golf courses that they have ever experienced! It has everything!

The Program: Schedule  
Registration- Coffee & Rolls 7:45  
Annual Meeting 8:15  
Clinic by Jack Shoger 10:10  
Lunch 11:15  
Tournament: Shotgun Start 12:00

This year's welcoming gift is an all-leather writing portfolio with the association's logo on the outside. Inside is an organizer to keep track of pens, calculator, team records and a place for you to record tournament scores!

All Inclusive cost: \$80. This includes the welcoming gift, coffee, rolls, clinic, lunch, practice range, 18 holes of golf and cart!

### Board Profile: Bill Berkholtz

Age: 43  
Family: Wife, Jan -also a golfer.  
Daughters: Lauren, 12; LeeAnn, 10.  
Teacher at Burlington HS 19 Years  
Coach: Burlington Boys and Girls  
for 7 years. Began coaching in 1985.  
Background: Played for Burlington  
& WHSGCA Hall of Famer, Gene  
Edmundson.

**Coaches Hall of Fame awards will be presented to Rod Hanson, Mary Beth Nienhaus and Gayle Wilfong at the June 19 Annual meeting at Abbey Springs.**

## 2000 Girls Academic All State Team

Mike and Cindy Jensen	Michelle	Amery	Ivan and Sue Schildgen	Erin	Lancaster
Pat and Colleen Bushman	Rachel	Arcadia	Greg and Rita Schmitz	Katie	Lancaster
Bill and Julie Forsythe	Jessie	Arcadia	David and Pat Whitty	Brie	Lancaster
Peter and Julie Hawley	Elizabeth	Baldwin-Woodville	Chuck and Leah Ludlum	Ashley	Madison LaFollette
Charles Hammer	Tara	Beaver Dam	Ken and Debi-Shepherd Wundrow	Bailey	Madison LaFollette
Dan Hunt	Jenny	Beaver Dam	Mary Wacker	Ellen	Madison LaFollette
Clark and Annette Commons	Amanda	Bonduel	Gary and Susan Hamblin	Bridget	Madison Memorial
Lee and BettyAnn Bergsbaken	Lisa	Bonduel	Tom and Ellen Steinhauer	Nancy	Madison Memorial
Mike and Marilyn Hille	Lisamarie	Bonduel	John and Jill Linek	Bree	Madison West
Bruce Dennison and Diane Klebenow	Emily	Brookfield East	Tom and Terry Rutlin	Robin	Madison West
Michael and Carol Glisch	Christy	Brookfield East	Richard and Barb Staff	Lindsay	Madison West
Glen Staton	Amy	Burlington	Richard and Sue Vraga	Emily	Madison West
Robert and Rae Guth	Andrea	Burlington	William and Christine Thielmann	Ann	Madison West
Alan and Ruth Bertelson	Lisa	Burlington	Greg and Mary DiPiazza	Katie	Middleton
Christine Wick	Rachel Yaun	Darlington	Gary and Judy Ries	Jill	Middleton
Dallas and Barbara Cecil	Dana	Darlington	Jeffrey and Carolyn Wagner	Jackie	Milton
Stephen and Karen Cass	Diane	Delavan-Darien	Robert and Cheri Appel	Aubrey	Milton
Joe and Patti Hamill	Maggie	Delavan-Darien	Patrick and Micky Collins	Kelly	Mukwonago
Lee and Kelly Holden	Lindsay	Delavan-Darien	Tom and Jane Kulinski	Nikki	Mukwonago
David and Christine Jones	Cheryl	Delavan-Darien	Robert and Sharon Muth	Emily	Mukwonago
Tom and Cindy Schuetz	Jennifer	Delavan-Darien	Arno and Debbie Kirchenwitz	Jenny	Oconomowoc
Steven and Connie Larsen	Lynette	Denmark	Earl and Diane Bleke	Christine	Oconomowoc
Mr. and Mrs. John Buneta	Mary	East Troy	Steve and Debbie Herman	Amy	Oshkosh North
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goetsch	Melissa	East Troy	Jim and Lucy Berndt	Ellen	Rice Lake
Hugh and Rebecca Severson	Megan	Gale-Ettrick-Trempeleau	Ric and Pat Swanson	Becca	Rice Lake
Steven and Mary Sheffer	Shannon	Gale-Ettrick-Trempeleau	Mike and Irene Popko	Natalie	Rice Lake
William and Nancy Malaney	Megan	Gale-Ettrick-Trempeleau	Peter and Linda Swanson	Sarah	Sheboygan North
Mark and Susan Porath	Jackie	Green Bay Preble	Robert and Lucy Lasseter	Lauren	Verona Area
Keith and Karen Hutchinson	Marla	Green Bay Preble	Glenn and Julie Egnarski	Kendall	Watertown
Lonald and Carolyn Johnson	Heather	Green Bay Preble	Dick and Jolene Massuch	Roberta	Watertown
Christopher and Susan Simons	Amy	Green Bay Preble	Jeff and Kitty Olson	Erin	Waukesha South
Drake and Kathy Fleege	Erin	Hartford Union	Jerry and Barbara Toy	Kelly	Waukesha South
Scott and Neill Wolf	Samantha	Hartford Union	Juan and MaryAnn Lara	Jenna	Waukesha South
James and Cynthia Richard	Lauren	Homestead	Dan and Diane Pugh	Bryn	Waukesha South
John and Ann Cahill	Elizabeth	Homestead	Jim and Judy Johnson	Diane	Waukesha South
John and Carol Nelson	Andrea	Homestead	Conrad and Lori Herbst	Kathleen	Waukesha West
Robert and Lori Tremlett	Stacy	Homestead	Jim and Lynda Bodis	Jacky	Waukesha West
Dan and Susan Kocinski	Christina	Homestead	Mark and Susan Boettcher	Katherine	Wauwatosa East
Gene and Bev Utke	Pam	Hortonville	Doug and Kathy Krueger	Amanda	Wauwatosa East
Carl and Bobbi Graves	Jennie	Hortonville	Dave and Lynn Bielawski	Sara	Wauwatosa East
Dennis and Karen Zander	Ashley	Kenosha Tremper			
Gary and Kim Olson	Erica	Kenosha Tremper			
Gary and Anne Sipsma	Kristen	Kenosha Tremper			
Tom and Debbie Timblin	Courtney	Kewaskum			
Dave and Luci Degner	Beth	Kewaskum			
James and Rosemarie Hoff	Danielle	LaCrosse Central			

### FOND DU LAC

September 16, 2000

Teams:	
Homestead	351
Fond du Lac	380
Watertown	385
Wisconsin Rapids	391
Hartford	393
Oconomowoc	401
Sheboygan	404
Arrowhead	421
Kettle Moraine	451
West Bend East	464
Neenah/Menasha	498
Nicolet	521
Madison East	Inc
Medalists	
Abby Johnson, Wis Rapids	81
Melissa Martin, Wis Rapids	83
Tina Kocinski, Homestead	83

### 2000 NDA Invitational

354	Appleton East	354	Medalists
362	Notre Dame	362	Lisa Hille, Bonduel
374	Sheboygan	374	Erin Fulkerson, App E
390	Waupaca	390	Emily Howald, ND
398	Bonduel	398	Sara Kleinschmitt, ND
414	Ashwaubenon	414	Rebecca Fish, OF
418	Appleton North	418	Briana Burkett, GBP
422	Green Bay Preble	422	Andrea Helminen, AE
430	Marinette	430	Sarah Swanson, SN
430	Seymour	430	Jenny Bryzana, ND
441	Green Bay East	441	Pam Landin, AE
446	Bay Port	446	
454	Luxemborg/Casco	454	
469	Oconto Falls	469	
470	Two Rivers	470	
500	Green Bay Southwest	500	
Inc	Oconto	Inc	

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Teams	
Middleton	355
Madison Memorial	367
Edgewood	378
Watertown	389
Milton	421
Madison LaFollette	422
Madison West	436
Sun Prairie	457
Madison East	Inc
Medalists	
Jill Ries, Middleton	79
Jackie Wagner, Milton	84
Katie DiPiazza, Middleton	87
Nancy Steinhauer, Memorial	88
Kristen Muranyi, Memorial	88
Kaley Johansen, Watertown	88
Bailey Wandrow, LaFollette	89