



# The Coach Approach

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## From the Clubhouse:

**Congrats and admiration all around**

Thanks coaches and congratulations. How fast the past two years have gone. This is my Presidential farewell letter to an Association that I am so proud of.

We have a top notch newsletter, we run a Spring Clinic that has featured some world class speakers; we have a relationship with the WIAA, our governing body, which is second to none; we have developed some of the best high school players in the country; our support from the WSGA and the Wisconsin Golf Foundation of Wisconsin have been extraordinary; and we run an outstanding annual meeting, clinic and tournament culminating each year. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving you and I believe Wisconsin's High School Golf Programs with three boys divisions and two girls divisions in 2004 will continue to improve and produce national stars.

Thanks to all the coaches who made our annual meeting in Hayward a great event. Congratulations to the 18 young men and their coaches that comprise our first through third All State Teams. Congratulations to Garrett Jones on his Player of The Year honors, along with his coach, Robert Faherty. Congratulations to Osseo- Fairchild and their coach Jeff

Stoik on winning Division 3 with a team total 634. Congratulations to Pewaukee on their successful defense of the Division 2 Championship and their coach Mike Rapp. Finally, congratulations must go to Madison LaFollette and their coach Ben Houseman, as they established the new 36 hole tournament record for Division 1 shooting an unimaginable 595.

Key dates for our 2003 / 2004 season include our Spring Clinic at Western Lakes Golf Club in Pewaukee on Saturday, March 13th, with registration from 7:45 - 8:30, and our annual meeting, Clinic and tournament at the Hayward Golf and Tennis Club on Tuesday, June 15th at 8:30.

Our Executive Board presented all annual meeting attendees with a quality attaché case and Ultimate Golf Guide cd, as their way of giving back significantly to our member coaches. Support your Executive Committee by attending our functions and consider serving our membership as a possible future Executive Board member. "What is best for the kids" has always been our motto and that attitude and information must come from you, the coach.

Congratulations to our 2 Hall of Fame coaches who were inducted into the Hall of Fame at our annual meeting in Hayward, and who's pictures will be prominently displayed at University Ridge in Madison. Mardel Allen, from LaCrosse Central built a program which produced numerous State Championships, and Joe Harlow, from Kewaskum High School, who developed golfers and quality indi-

viduals for life through his professional program.

When you receive this newsletter our girls golf season will be underway. Good luck to the 139 girls golf programs this season. May we enjoy good golf weather in Wisconsin this fall, allowing our developing talent pool to showcase their capabilities.

May we see an alert and aware attitude toward pace of play as coaches and players focus on a 2 hour 15 minute pace per 9, making the game better for all participants.

Good luck this fall, and "thanks for the memories."

Dave Blake, President

### WHSGCA 2003 / 2004 Schedule

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# The Practice Tee

## Achieving Success With the Driver

This one's for you Paul!

There are many components to successfully getting off the tee. They include using proper swing technique, employing the proper mental approach and using properly fitted equipment. We will explore each aspect so you will be better able to help your players hit longer tee shots with greater accuracy. Possibly, you may find this information to be of some help to your game as well.

**Using the best technology, which has been properly fitted:**

Let's begin with the selection of proper equipment. As each person is different, so too are his or her club needs. This is certainly made most abundantly clear with the driver. It is imperative that each person get fitted for the club that best makes use of their talents. If your local pro has only a few driver options available, look for a multiple manufacturer club-fitting day near you. These days allow golfers to test different clubs from numerous manufacturers in order to maximize their strengths. Club professionals who attend the PGA merchandise show in Florida in January are afforded this opportunity when most club manufacturers set up shop at a practice site in the Orlando area. The pros can then test each piece of equipment to find the best options for themselves. In addition, they learn much about the clubs they will provide to their membership. Let's use the most popular driver on the PGA Tour, the TaylorMade "R" series as an example of how today's club manufacturers produce multiple driver options to best fit the vast majority of players.

The "R" series drivers are new for 2003. They come in three different head sizes (330cc, 350cc and 400cc.), four different lofts, (7.5°, 8.5°, 9.5° and 10.5°), three standard graphite shafts weighing between 63 and 75 grams, with each

specifically constructed to match one of the head sizes, and an additional 18 shaft options, most in graphite, but a few in steel. How is a person supposed to make sense of it all? Let's take a closer look at the new technology for the 21<sup>st</sup> century to see where clubs are taking us now and in the future.

We begin with a bit of information about the modern TaylorMade titanium clubhead. It is constructed in two parts, shell and face, which TaylorMade calls Pull-Face technology. The manufacturer uses a CNC milling machine to create an inverted cone shape to the inner side of the clubface before the face is welded to the driver shell. This technology is called Inverted Cone Technology. TaylorMade claims that thousands of hours of computer-aided design work went into this technology. It is a radically new idea, which affects the way the clubface behaves at impact, giving this series of drivers a dramatically larger COR zone. This means that a larger portion of the clubface delivers a COR of over .800. (COR refers to the energy-transfer that occurs when a golf ball is struck by the clubface) The USGA allows .830, which TaylorMade delivers at the exact center of the clubface. In all drivers there is a drop-off in COR when the ball is hit ¼" or more off the exact center. TaylorMade's Inverted Cone technology better prevents the dramatic drop off of energy transfer on miss-hits compared to other manufacturer's drivers.

The back of the driver contains a hollow area or port into which a "Tuned Weight Cartridge" is inserted. This "Tuned Weight Cartridge" is "comprised of three rods of various metallic properties that are encased in urethane." It allows the people at TaylorMade to precisely weight and balance each clubhead with the shaft being used. Additionally, this back weighting makes it a bit easier to get the ball into the air.

Finally, the TaylorMade proprietary shaft or "M.A.S. (Motion Analysis Shaft)" has different weights and flex points in order to perfectly match the clubhead size, head weight, loft and flex of the shaft. The shaft torque of their 70-gram and 75-gram weighted shafts is actually lower than the Fujikura Speeder 757 which many touring pros use and com-

mands a retail price of \$350.00. The use of a perfectly matched shaft to a clubhead produces the perfect driver enabling the user to maximize his/her golf abilities.

TaylorMade thus presents a myriad number of options among their own equipment. It would seem that there are more technologically sound components to the TaylorMade driver than other manufacturer's drivers. Choosing a correct TaylorMade driver that fits you just right is one dilemma. There are many other manufacturer's drivers to consider as well. You might consider the Titleist 983 K or 983 E, or the Cleveland Launcher, or the King Cobra SS427, the Callaway Great Big Bertha II, the Ping Si3, the Wilson Deep Red II, the Adams Redline, the MacGregor V-Foil. How does one decide? The club-fitting day is your best bet. Try them all! Different head sizes, shafts, flexes and lofts. See which one seems to make the ball go the farthest and the straightest. If you are going to possibly spend \$400.00 or more for one club, it certainly better be the one best fitted to your needs. And please don't buy a driver because it seems to work for a friend. Your friend is different from you. Buy what fits you the best!

**Using proper swing technique for the driver:**

Proper swing technique is an obvious necessity for producing the longest and most accurate tee shots you are capable of hitting. There are several swing techniques to be used with the driver that are different from your irons and even slightly different from your fairway metals. One obvious difference would be the teeing up of the ball with the driver. This teed up position allows you to place the ball more forward in the stance than with any other club because, unlike the irons, which must strike the ball with a descending motion, the driver hits the ball slightly on the up-swing motion. In general, the ball should be placed about 1" inside the forward heel for the driver. The ball position for iron play should be 2" inside the forward heel for all irons up through the six, and 3" inside the forward heel with the seven iron through the wedges. The forward ball position with the driver is intended to require more of a sweeping motion than a downward motion. As a result, while

divot is properly taken with an iron shot, there would be no divot taken with the driver.

In order to hit a draw, the player's head should be further behind the ball at address than with an iron. When swinging a driver, world-class players often have their head from 10" to 12" behind the ball at impact. It's what helps these players produce tee shots of such prodigious lengths with today's modern equipment.

What allows these players to generate tremendous clubhead speed is a proper weight transfer toward the target on their forward swing. This is accomplished by moving the back knee (right knee for a right-handed player) toward the forward knee on the forward swing. I tell my students to play tag. The back knee is "it". The back knee should try to touch or tag the forward knee on the forward swinging motion. Ideally, this move is synchronized with the forward motion of the club. If done properly, it creates a powerful force directed at the back of the ball. Once past impact, centrifugal force moves the entire body past the impact area to a full follow-through finish. It is very important that the head does not move prior to impacting the ball. One last thought: If you teach your players to use a proper neutral grip, that is one in which the left thumb (for right-handed players) rests on top of the grip if the club is held in a horizontal position out front of the body, and the club rests in the fingers of the right hand, then regulating the amount of draw is relatively easy. The farther the player sets up with his/her head behind the ball, the more the shot will draw. It is truly that uncomplicated!

While this may be a somewhat brief review of good swing mechanics, they do focus on the most important body positions and movements enabling the player to swing the driver with good results. Certainly as a coach you are attempting to teach your players good swing fundamentals, but proper mental preparation and thought are as important or more important than the other two factors.

**Using the proper mental approach:**

Arguably the most important fundamental in the game would be to "swing

the club at the target, not at the ball!" Mentally, the player should always focus his/her mind on the target while on the course. The practice tee is where physical swing changes are made, not on the course. The key to successful scoring on course begins with the admonition, "target, target, target." If the golfer is thinking about how to swing the club while playing, failure will supersede success. If the player will focus on his/her target prior to every swing, then chances for success are multiplied.

It is vital that players see positive results before they happen. Seeing a good shot before swinging the driver is a product of many thousands of hours of practice, which produces a high level of confidence. Being able to take this very high confidence level to the course in a competitive situation requires a great deal of tournament experience. The higher the skill level of the players one is competing against, the easier subsequent tournaments will be. It is said that one learns to win by putting him/herself in a position to win often enough that self-applied pressures are eventually understood and conquered.

Emotional control is extremely important. Anger releases bad chemicals into our system, which produces a desultory effect on our muscles. We feel disconnected from our body and our tempo disappears. Good players are able to stay mentally strong and play in "the moment" instead of reliving the past. Ask your players how they can affect the past. There is no possible way to change something that has already happened; so good players have learned to forget bad shots of the past and to focus on the shot at hand.

Good players are also better at ignoring bad weather conditions and instead keep their focus on the moment. Of course, practicing frequently in weather extremes allows the mind to feel more comfortable and thus focus on business. Remember, golfers in Ireland and Scotland think nothing of playing in bad weather because they get so much of it. They don't understand the fuss made by American tourists who only want to play in good weather. That is not an example of mental toughness. I work with an older gentleman who brags about not owning

an umbrella or rain suit. He says that he doesn't play in the rain. Obviously he does not compete and is wealthy enough to leave his job and play whenever the weather suits his needs. Our high school golfers are not in a similar situation. They need to understand mental toughness in various competitive situations on the course.

Combine the new technologically advanced and properly fit equipment with good swing fundamentals and a strong, positive mental focus and the image of a great player appears. It takes all three areas to be a successful driver of the ball. To be a successful player, it is vital that the golfer be a long, but an especially accurate driver of the ball. It makes par fours play shorter and easier; it makes par fives reachable in two shots and therefore presents more birdie opportunities. Working with your players on all three aspects will allow them to become much better players.



If you are contemplating being a host for regional or sectional competition, ideally you should be securing a golf course that has a par of 72 and plays to a yardage of 5450-5800 for girls, and is somewhere between 6400-6700 yards for boys competition. This would be especially true at a sectional level. What has become very disturbing is the number of tournament managers who, for whatever reason have the available yardage if they use the correct tees, but opt instead for the middle tees which can then create a course up to 600 yards or more short of the desired length. (It would be, by the way, perfectly acceptable to use a course that plays three to five hundred yards shorter if the par is 70.) There is probably only one reason why a tournament manager would opt for a shorter course. That would be to

give his/her kids an increased home course advantage. **And that logic is as far removed from good sportsmanship as a coach can get.** As a tournament host, you should be trying to identify the best players and teams, NOT trying to find a way to give your team an edge over all the other teams! Coaches who are running a tournament in order to give their kids an edge should be **BANNED** from hosting all state tournament series events.

Why do we want yardages to be consistent around the state? First, it helps prepare the qualifiers for expected playing conditions at the next level of competition, be that the sectional or the state tournament itself. Second, with today's equipment, shorter courses usually take the driver out of the hands of the longest hitters and most skilled players thus bringing them back closer to the level of the less skilled player. Again, you are trying to identify the most skilled players, not reduce the skills of other teams so that your team can better compete! The third, and least important reason is that it does make selection of the all-state playing teams a bit easier if all players are playing courses that are similar in length and difficulty. However, the first and second reasons are by far the most compelling.

Coaches, need to conduct tournaments in a most appropriate manner. That means they present all players with a reasonable test of their abilities and hope that the most skilled team will win. If that happens to be another team and not yours, so be it. Golf is not really about winning, it is about fair play and testing one's ability against the course, not against other teams. Yes, we keep score and compare those scores against other teams scores, but what we are really doing is comparing our team's ability to persevere against the obstacles on the course as compared to other team's abilities to do the same. Those most successfully negotiating the course's obstacles should be the winners. What would you say to your team if they averaged 85 during the season, but at sectionals they shot 300 on a course fraught with difficulties? You sure would be excited and proud of them. Would that change if they finished one

stroke away from qualifying for state? Hope not. Your kids are winners that day because they played beyond their apparent capabilities. Not qualifying for the state tournament should take nothing away from what they had accomplished.

We all can learn from others. Take the situation presented to Coach Jeff Trickey of Waukesha West this spring. He was assigned to host a sectional competition. He had never hosted before and asked for help. But what was truly amazing was his selection of a course for the competition. He could have selected his team's home course and even tricked it up to give his team an unfair advantage, but he never even considered the West home course. Instead, Coach Trickey selected a neutral course, home to no one. He reckoned that it would be fair to all players equally. As luck would have it, his team finished third that day, but he never second-guessed his choice of courses, saying only that his team hadn't played well enough to deserve to qualify for state. That, is what good coaching is all about! Select a course fair to all participants, prepare your team to the best of your ability, then see how well they negotiate those course obstacles as compared to how well the other teams deal with the same obstacles. Don't try to rig the course to give your players an advantage. All of us could learn a lesson from Coach Trickey. He allowed the best two teams that day to succeed. That is what being a sportsman is really about. We all need to emulate him!

From around the state complaints still surface concerning players being disqualified from a competition. Tournament hosts need to realize their role on tournament day. **Disqualifications should rarely ever happen** unless the player wants to be disqualified. Coaches should be doing their very best to prevent situations from occurring which could result in a player being disqualified. Our job is NOT to disqualify players. We are educators. Look upon course situations as educational opportunities. Instruct all players to always play a second ball if they are unsure of how to correctly proceed in any situation. When players return their scorecard, they should never be given the opportunity to

present an incorrect card. Use the following time honored procedure for collecting scorecards.

- 1) **Scoring committee should consult with each group to determine each hole-by-hole score on each card is correct.**
- 2) **Any and all questions should be answered and rules situations should be decided.**
- 3) **There must only be one person's score on each card being turned in.**
- 4) **Each player must turn in his/her own scorecard.**
- 5) **Each hole-by-hole score must be legible.**

Only after each of the above five points have been articulated should the scoring committee officially accept the cards. In this way disqualifications resulting from scorecard errors should never happen.

Lets make a real effort to prevent disqualifications from occurring in the future. Coaches are to be ladies or gentlemen in the truest sense of the words. Help all players to succeed. All competitors must be given the opportunity to be the best they can be. Coaches need to conduct themselves properly around all players and fellow coaches. This is golf. That means that good sportsmanship must prevail at all times. If coaches don't respect the rules, their fellow coaches and opposing players, how can we possibly expect our players to do so? We are role models in a game that requires near perfect actions on our part so our players will have proper actions to emulate. Expect the highest actions of yourselves, fellow coaches and all players. Only with these expectations can the game continue to succeed.

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# At the turn

## WHSGCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes Country Inn and Suites Hayward, WI June 16, 2003 6:15 p.m.

1. President Dave Blake called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Members present were: Dave Blake, Bill Berkholtz, Steve Lien, TJ Dieck, Don Marx, Sandee Johnston, Anna Curtis, Bob Lehninger, John Lonergan, Brian Scrobel, Kaz, Chuck Menzel, Dick McKichan, Scott Meyer, Dick Vruwink. Also present was guest Tom Schfransky of the WIAA. Of the list above, Scott Meyer of Watertown, Anna Curtis of Holmen, and Dick Vruwink of Marshfield are new additions to our board.

2. **Minutes-** The February minutes were approved unanimously. (Kaz/TJ)

3. **Treasurers Report-** TJ reported that we currently have \$2284.00 in checking and a CD of savings. He reminded us that our philosophy is to give back to as many of the membership as possible. The clinic and the welcome gifts reflect that philosophy. Report approved unanimously. (Bob L./John L.)

4. **Membership Report-** Steve Lien reported that as of May 25 we had 296 members. In addition, some members had submitted their membership applications late. In order to avoid problems with nominations for awards discussion centered around ways that we can remind coaches better. Tom Schfransky of the WIAA said they would help with mailing labels for a letter to coaches. Suggestions also included creating liaisons with each conference to remind coaches on a regional level. Kaz reminded us to reach out to assistant coaches as well. Report was unanimously approved. (Bob L./John L.)

5. **Boys All-State Teams-** Committee chair, Chuck Menzel reported the selections for WHSGCA Boys All-State Teams:

6. **Academic All State-** Bill Berkholtz reported that there were 93 girls from 41 schools nominated and accepted in the fall and 124 boys from 55 schools nominated and accepted this spring. The quality of student-athletes in the golfing ranks is impressive.

7. **June Clinic Report-** Brian Scrobel expressed thanks to Dave Blake for hosting and putting a lot of work into the clinic. Registration, clinic, and lunch times were all discussed. In addition, the clinic portion will include Calloway demonstrations. Brian also showed the board the welcome gifts of leatherette brief cases. Quite impressive. Approval was unanimous (Berk/John L.)

8. **Raffle Report-** Roger and TJ reported that the prizes for the summer clinic raffle exceeded \$2000. Tickets from the spring clinic were eligible to win but the winner had to be present to win. Both gentlemen reminded the board that the raffle is now designed to benefit those coaches participating in the clinics. Unanimous support for the report. (Steve L./Berk)

9. **Special Awards-** Dick McKichan reported that the association is honoring 3 individuals and the Waukesha County Park and Land Use Dept. in our special awards this year. Waukesha County was presented with the *Friend of Golf Award* for their support of junior golf throughout the county. Accepting for Waukesha County is Dale Schaeffer. Presenting is Dave Roberts of Brookfield East HS.

The *PGA Friend of Golf Award* goes to Ray Kizer of Lake Wisconsin CC. Presenting is Bill Alyward of Sauk Prairie HS. Ray has been teaching golf for over 30 years and has helped high school golfers in numerous ways over the years.

Two individuals were named to the *WHSGCA Coaches' Hall of Fame*. Mardell Allen of LaCrosse Central HS, presented by Anna Curtis, and Joe Harlow, coach for over 35 years and longtime member of the WHSGCA Board of Directors.

The topic of concern centered on the space problem which we encounter in the near future at University Ridge. Currently the Hall of Fame is beautifully presented at U.Ridge. However, we will run out of space shortly. Roger moved that we create a committee to look into the Hall space issue and bring it back to the board. Unanimous (Roger P./ Brian S.)

10. **College Report-** Mike Okray was not present so there was no College Report.

11. **Web Site Report-** John Lonergan reported that Scott Meyer was taking over the web site. Changes to be made include adding new board members' information and photos, Hall of Fame inductees from this year, changing the format of the forms on the site to pdf format, and linking the site to the WIAA's web site. John has

done a marvelous job of creating one of the most visually attractive sites of all the coaches' associations out there. Any new ideas now go to Scott.

12. **Meeting Dates for Next Year-** The fall board meeting will be November 9th @ Winnegamie. The February meeting will be on Feb. 21st @ the Bridges in Madison. Our spring meeting and clinic will be on March 13, 2004 @ Western Lakes GC. And the summer clinic will be June 15, 2004 (preceded by the board meeting on the 14th) @ Hayward Golf and Tennis.

13. **Board Updates-** Bill Berkholtz becomes the new president. Sandee Johnston is the new 1st VP and John Lonergan becomes the new 2nd VP.

There will be a new committee to look into the Hall of Fame space- TJ and Roger, members. Anna Curtis is on the Girls' All-State committee. Scott Meyer is now the web site committee. District 12 representation is being looked into.

14. **Old Business-** None.

15. **New Business-** Kaz brought up a number of issues. First, the yardages for the WIAA series of tournaments have not been consistent. We want courses that play in regionals and sectionals to a consistent yardage. Kaz suggested that girls' courses should play to 5500-5700 yards in length. Boys courses should play to 6450-6700 yards. This will bring those tournaments in line with the state tournament in Madison.

Second, tournament courses should be 18 hole venues if at all possible.

Finally, playoffs in WIAA tournaments should be for **advancement only**, not for 4th and 5th place.

Steve Lien asked about the adjustments for girls playing in the Boys State Tournament. Tom Schfransky replied that a 15% adjustment was made and it was a fair course. We need to encourage girls to play golf. In the current budgetary climate we can't afford to drive kids out. The forward tees are fair for everyone involved. Tom mentioned that Virginia has done the same for girls playing in the boys season and it has increased girls participation tremendously. We are in the business of promoting golf.

Don Marx suggested that WIAA tournament host schools and courses should be responsible. Perhaps our board and the WIAA can create a written set of criteria. Tom indicated that that would indeed be possible.

John Lonergan had a number of practical suggestions for state tournament proce-

dures.

- a. Make tee times for Monday available on the WIAA web site.
- b. Print results after the first round.
- c. Find a place on the leader board for top individual results.
- d. Post Tuesday tee times early Tuesday morning.
- e. Create a reserved parking area for school vehicles to alleviate parking problems.

f. Should we charge spectator entry fees?  
g. What constitutes an electronic device? Some coaches would like to use walkie talkies with ear phones. Is that OK? Tom suggested we follow the USGA's criteria- no measurement devices. Also, no noisemakers such as cel phones, pagers, and CD players.

Dave Blake brought up some new business. The question of the WIAA allowing us to have a practice round at the regional site came up. Our board feels that it is a safety issue. The players will likely go to the regional site on their own and will drive there unsupervised.

Additionally, our board would like the WIAA to require penalties for the first unsportsmanlike conduct violation. Our board feels that the concern that the WIAA Board of Control has about kids penalizing kids is unfounded. Coaches are always the final authority during matches.

Finally, Dave brought up an opportunity to assist in marketing a resource CD called *Golf Guide to Wisconsin*. It is intended to be a fund raiser for teams as well as a way for our organization to make a dollar on each unit sold. John, Scott, Sandee, and Brian will test the materials and get back to the board.

16. The board unanimously expressed its appreciation to Dave Blake for the great job he's done in the presidency over the last two years.

17. **Adjournment** 10:02 p.m. (TJ/Dick M.)

## The 18th Hole

### What do College Coaches Look For?

Being a women's college golf coach in a very competitive conference, I not only recruit from here in Wisconsin

but also from Minnesota and Illinois. Unlike what most high school coaches might think, low scores are not the sole indicator of whether or not a girl will be considered for their program. Of course, if a girl is averaging 50 or more for nine holes, most state schools will not be calling her. However, the main question I always ask the high school coach is whether or not the girl is coachable and willing to change in order to get better. Many girls are afraid to change because they fear they will get worse once they are out of their comfort zone. As we all know, their scores probably will increase for a time because of change, but will eventually come down because they have learned a better way to play. We also ask how much they like to practice and play. The fact that our team will practice and play 6 days a week from mid August through the first part of October and then 3 days a week (in a dome) until spring when we can get outside again, tells a girl that they need to have devotion to this sport.

Another thing to remember are her grades. Right now our school is not accepting any freshmen who don't have an ACT under 23 and a GPA of less than 3.2. If she can't pass her freshmen year here, she won't be around to help her team mates in the future. To sum things up for you, the 3 things we are looking for in a freshmen player are: Attitude (are they willing to dedicate themselves to practice and change.) Score (can they come in averaging 45 or less for 9 holes.) And grades (do they have at least a 23 on their ACT and a 3.2 GPA. Just a few years ago, it would have been difficult to find but a handful of girls who fit this category but with the greater number of girls getting into the sport and better preparation on the high school coaches part, these types of girls are getting easier to find every year and a big thank you goes out to all of you for doing more for these girls than just coaching.

Mike Okray  
Head Women's Golf Coach UW Stevens Point

## The Scoreboard

### 2003 Boy's All-State Playing Team Named

Recently the WHSGCA All-state playing team was selected for 2003. Leading the team is "Player of the Year" **Garrett Jones** a senior from Iowa-Grant. Also named to the *first team* are **Danny Zimmerman** a junior from Middleton, **Jeff Kaiser** a junior from Onalaska, **Dave Merkow** a senior from Arrowhead, **Joe Pavelski** a senior from Stevens Point and sophomore **Tyler Obermueller** from River Falls. Let's take an in-depth look at each of them. Take note of the number of scores under 70 and how low each of the player's "worst" score of the year was.

#### First Team All-State

"Player of the Year" Garrett Jones had his "worst" round of the year in his first meet in early April shooting a 77 at Platteville C.C. The remainder of his play included 11 medalist finishes with a low 18 hole round of 70 at Deer Valley. After winning his conference championship, Garrett finished third at the regional, first in the sectionals and then he won the WIAA Division 3 State Champion with a 148 total. Garrett, who has superb fundamentals, has signed to play at the University of Wisconsin.

Danny Zimmerman, Wisconsin's only nationally ranked junior player saw his "worst" round at Baraboo C.C. in Sectionals with a 78. However, he shot four rounds in the sixties including a 68 in the regionals and a 68 at Black Wolf Run. Danny was medalist 11 times and finished the season recording a 148 at the State Tournament, good for an eighth place finish. He was conference champion and his four rounds in the sixties tied him for the most in the state.

Jeff Kaiser, the junior from Onalaska saw a "worst score of 78 at River Falls

but had two scores in the sixties including what may be a state record **64** at the Stanley-Boyd Inv. at Whispering Pines. Jeff was conference champion and shot a 143 at the State Tournament good for second place.

Dave Merkow had a "worst score of 77 at the Waukesha Inv. and at the State Tournament. He recorded 7 scores under 75 and finished third or better in 12 of 13 events. He was the Classic Eight Conference "Player of the Year" and conference champion. Only three of his rounds were played on courses under 6500 yards. David won two AJGA tournaments last summer and caught the eye of a number of college coaches. He was signed to a golf scholarship at Northwestern University, one of the top programs in the nation.

Senior Joe Pavelski played in nine meets prior to regionals and had a "worst score of 77 at Trapp River. He recorded two scores under 70 with a low round of 68 at Fox Fire in the sectionals. Prior to the State Tournament, Joe was medalist in 10 of 11 meets. He fired a 149 at University Ridge to tie fortieth place in the State Tournament.

Although only a sophomore, Tyler Obermueller of River Falls is a veteran all-state participant having made the second team as a freshman in 2002. This year Tyler had a "worst score of 79 at Hudson. The remainder of his rounds included a 70 at University Ridge, a 71 at Turtle Back and a couple of 72's. His 144 at the State Tournament tied him for third. For the season, Tyler recorded 11 finishes of third or better. Somehow, he really seems to shine at the State Tournament. How would you like to have this superb golfer back for two more years?

#### **Second Team All-State**

A number of the second team members would have easily been named to the first team five or more years ago. Such is the improvement of high school golf in Wisconsin. Members of the second team include senior **John Bailey** of State Champion Madison LaFollette. John recorded three scores in the sixties and had eight finishes of third or better. He had a 154 finish at University Ridge.

Junior **Brent Bartels**, a teammate of John Bailey, had six finishes of third or

better with a couple of rounds at even par. He tied for fifth at the State Tournament with a 146 including a one under par 71 the final round.

Senior **John Hecker** of Division Two Pewaukee tied for third at the State Tournament with a 147. He played in 11 events where he finished third or better, highlighted by a 68 at the regionals at Rock River Hills. John will play for Coe College this fall.

A third member of the Division One state championship team, senior **Adam Steinhofner**, was also named to the second team. Adam had ten tournament finishes of third or better including a third place tie at University Ridge with a 144. He had a best score of 70 at Yahara Hills. River Falls senior, Travis Meyer was a second team recipient. His low round was a 71 at sectionals at Menomonee. Travis shot a 72 the opening round of the State Tournament and he recorded 8 finishes at third or better.

Only a sophomore, Watertown Luther Prep's **Dan Woltman** completes the second team. He played mostly nine-hole meets but did record a 69 in the Phoenix Inv. at Windwood. Dan finished second in the Division Two State Tournament losing a sudden death playoff. He recorded a 146 at University Ridge. His future certainly looks promising.

#### **Third Team All-State**

Scott Maupin	Sr	Waukesha W
Andy Rauscher	Sr	River Falls
Cole Stark	Sr	EC Memorial
Tyson White	Sr	USM
Craig Cerbins	Fr	Portage
Ted Jorgensen	Sr	Homestead

#### **Honorable Mention**

Brendon Albrecht	Sr	Edgewood
Nick Cocalis	Sr	Mad Memorial
Nick Engen	So	McFarland
Jason Johnson	Sr	Osseo-Fairchild
Mitch McGuire	Jr	Hartford
Mason Milner	Sr	Onalaska
Ben Schmuldach	Sr	McFarland
Cory Slotterback	Sr	Tosa East
Kortney Sonnentag	Sr	McFarland
Garrett Thompson	Jr	Mukwonago
Bret Toffness	Sr	Cumberland
Mike Truskowski	Sr	Westosha
Ben Zieman	So	EC Memorial

## **Bradford Best Ball Invitational. May 10, 2003**

Brightondale Links, Par 72, White Birch course and Blue Spruce course

#### **4 Man Best Ball Teams**

First Place - Racine Park 139  
Pete Gobis, Paul Jacobson, Bendt Bendtson, Michael Schuyler  
Second Place -Kettle Moraine  
Joey Neuworth, Matt Gericke, Ryan Zikeli, Brian Kolinski  
Third Place - Kenosha Bradford - 144  
Lukas Mueller, Travis Smither, Elliot Retzlaff and Rich Singer  
Fourth Place - Franklin  
Kurt Wagner, Jeff Lewis, Robert Frost, Brandon Warner

#### **Two Man Best Ball**

White Course  
First Place - Racine 70  
Dan Kading and Rob Grubich  
Second Place - Franklin 72  
Robert Frost and Kurt Wagner

#### **Blue Course**

First Place - Racine Park 67  
Pete Gobis and Bendt Bendtson  
Second Place - West Allis Hale 69 Mike Bielawski and Ryan Johnson

#### **Medalists**

White Course:  
1st place: Paul Jacobson Racine Park 74  
2nd: Rob Grubich Racine Case 75  
3rd: Lukas Mueller Ken. Bradford 75  
4th Matt Gericke Kettle Moraine 76  
5th Dan Kading Racine Case 76  
6th Chris Lucas Hartland Arrowhead 76  
7th R.A. Stople Muskego 77  
8th Andy Dekester Racine Lutheran 77  
Best Ball Invite Blue Course:  
1st -Bendt Bendtson Racine Park 70  
2nd Pete Gobis Racine Park 72  
3rd Mike Duszynski So. Milwaukee 72  
4th Elliot Retzlaff Kenosha Bradford 72  
5th Craig Signorin Racine Horlick 72  
6th Mike Bielawski West Allis Hale 74  
7th Brian Kopinski Kettle Moraine 75  
8th Tim Freres The Prairie H.S.

#### **Other 4 Man Best Ball Teams**

5th Racine Horlick 146  
5th South Milwaukee 146  
7th Pius XI 147  
7th Kenosha Tremper 147  
9th Racine Case 148  
9th - Marquette 148  
11th Racine Lutheran 150  
11th West Allis Hale 150  
11th Hartland Arrowhead 150  
15th - Oak Creek 151  
16th - New Berlin West 156  
17th - Brookfield Central 157  
17th Racine 157  
17th St. Catherine 157  
19th Cudahy 166  
19th Mukwonago 166  
19th Muskego 166

# WIAA 2003 State Tournament

## DIVISION 1

### Team scores -

- 1, Madison LaFollette 595;
- 2, River Falls 596;
- 3, Arrowhead 607;
- 4, Onalaska 608;
- 5, Middleton 610;
- 6, E C Memorial 613;
- 7, Homestead 616;
- 8, Mukwonago 619;
- 9, Kenosha Tremper 638;
- 10, Hartford 642;
- 11, Milw. Marquette 650;
- 12, Green Bay Preble 653;
- 13, Appleton West 657;
- 14, Slinger 666;
- 15, Germantown 673.

### Top 10 individuals -

- 1, Brad Wissmueller, WW, 143 (won playoff on first hole);
- 2, Jeff Kaiser, ONA, 143;
- 3 (tie), Tyler Obermueller, RF and Adam Steinhofner, MLF, 144;
- 5 (tie), Charles Delsman, ARR and Brent Bartels, MLF, 146;
- 7, Andy Rauscher, RF 147;
- 8, Danny Zimmerman, MID, 148;
- 9, Garrett Thompson, MUK, 149;
- 10, Cole Stark, ECM, 150.

### Arrowhead -

- Charles Delsmen, 146,  
Dave Merkow 151,  
Darren Panko 154,  
Kyle Weis 159,  
Garrett Gosh 162.

### Germantown -

- Mike McDonald 161,  
Jason Luecht 166,  
Alan Gehl 169,  
Chad Hintz 178,  
Gary Glapa 183.

### Hartford -

- Brett Tautges 152,  
Mitch McGuire 155,  
Ryan Checokinski 164,  
Kyle Kactro 171,  
Matt Musch 182.

### Homestead -

- Brian Thiet 153,  
Ted Jorgensen 154,  
Mike Grossman 156,  
Max Wescoe 161,  
Matt Sluzinski 153.

### Kenosha Tremper -

- Matt Ellis 153,  
Brandon Young 160,  
Jordan Elsen 164,  
Matt Oster 165,  
Kevin Zeeck 172.

### Milw. Marquette -

- Jim Packee 160,  
Jake Loos 161,  
Jack Doherty 163,  
Corey Meyer 168,  
John Petronovich/ Kip Steinmetz 174.

### Mukwonago -

- Nick Dockter 155,  
Eric Krueger 158,  
Mike Bohling 158,  
Garrett Thompson 149,  
Dan Maloney 163.

### Racine Park -

- Bendt Bendtsen 152,  
Pete Gobis 153,  
Paul Jacobsen 153,  
Joe Matson 158,  
Schayler Michael 172.

### Slinger -

- Chat Bennett 158,  
Andy Hammen 167,  
Rickie Schmidt 170,  
Aaron Hammen 172,  
Jared Markiewicz 178.

### Appleton West

- Pat Duffy 154  
Drew Hoffman 168  
Jackson Murphy 170  
Tom Bishop 177

### Eau Claire Memorial

- Cole Stark 150  
Brian Walker 155  
Ben Ziemann 151  
Bryan Schumacher 157  
Dan Thompson 161

### Green Bay Preble

- Alex Verbeten 163  
Chad Weibrecht 163  
Adam Salmon 179  
Jesse Rosenow 156  
John Howe 182

### Madison LaFollette

- John Bailey 154  
Adam Steinhofner 144  
Brent Bartels 146  
Paul Swart 151  
Andy Hosking 160

### Middleton

- Danny Zimmerman 148  
Micaiah Meuer 153  
Dan Kilcoyne 152  
Ben Loichinger 157  
Ryan Coyle 165

### Onalaska

- Jeff Kaiser 143  
Mason Milner 151  
Alex Kroeger 158  
Matt Low 161  
Dan Price 156

### River Falls

- Travis Meyer 154  
Tyler Obermueller 144  
Andy Rauscher 147  
Aaron Nelson 153  
Tim Schultz 157

### Individuals

- Nate Young, Baraboo 158  
Brian Roach, Brookfield Central 175  
Ben Bauknecht, DePere 172  
John Chase, Green Bay SW 157  
Jake Spott, Hudson 158  
Sam VanGalder, J Craig 157  
Travis Smither, K Bradford 165  
Lukas Mueller, K Bradford 169

- Kyle Tymeson, LaC Central 155  
Cal Brandow, Menomonee Falls 174  
Josh Oliver, Neenah 156  
Ross Koenigs, Nicolet 171  
Corey Sells, Oconomowoc 156  
Mike Moldenhauer, Osh North 157  
Craig Cerbins, Portage 148  
Craig Signoorin, Racine Horlick 171  
Joe Pavelski, Stevens Point 149  
Jared Hett, South Milwaukee 187  
Brian Relihan, South Milwaukee 152  
Scott Maupin, Waukesha West 149  
Dane Krouse, Wausau West 149  
Brad Wissmueller, Wausau W 143  
Cory Slotterback, Wauwatosa E 153  
Mike Roskopf, West Bend East 160

## DIVISION 2

### Team scores -

- 1, Pewaukee 616;
- 2, McFarland 627;
- 3, Valders 645;
- 4, Cumberland 649;
- 5, Madison Edgewood 656;
- 6, Waupun 670;
- 7, Viroqua 682;
- 8, Wrightstown 696.

### Top 10 individuals -

- 1, Jeff Doan, VIR, 146 (won playoff on second hole);
- 2, Dan Woltman, Watertown Luther Prep, 146;
- 3 (tie), Peter Wendt, Lake Mills, and John Hecker, PEW, 147;
- 5, Nick Engen, MCF, 149;
- 6 (tie), Mike Heinig, PEW, Derrick Bieberitz, VAL, and Adam Hooymann, Kiel, 152;
- 9, Kort Sonnentag, MCF, 156;
- 10, Tom Exner, PEW, 157.

### Cumberland

- Kyle Krueger 157  
Bret Toftness 164  
Zach Lindfurs 169  
Josh Tempesta 159  
Kevin Miller 184

### Madison Edgewood

- Brendon Albrecht 156  
Erik Warshauer 175  
Richie Burke 173  
Mike Lonergan 166  
Shawn Spencer 166

### McFarland

- Kort Sonnentag 156  
Ben Schudlach 159  
Scott Fischer 165  
Nick Engen 149  
Joe Schwartz 168

### Pewaukee

- John Hecker 147  
Matt Markewicz 167  
Mike Heinig 152  
Tom Exner 157  
Kris Koepke 160.

### Valders

- Derrick Bieberitz 152  
Craig Griepentrog 168  
Matt Perron 162  
Jacob Reinke 175  
Eric Mrozinski 163

## Viroqua

- Jeff Doan 146  
John Feist 175  
Nick Guist 188  
Ryan Finley 173  
Troy Dobbe 199

## Waupun

- Eric Loomans 161,  
Todd Carlson 165,  
Kurt Hoekstra 169,  
Kyle Hoekstra 177,  
Ryan VandeZande 179.

## Wrightstown

- Adam Schmidt 174  
Josh Blumreich 167  
Mitch Schaeuble 170  
Tyler Vandenheuvel 185  
Matt Meulemans 209

## Individuals

- Kory Klug, Fox Valley Lutheran 165  
Brandon Hammond, Hayward 164  
Adam Hooymann, Kiel 152  
Peter Wendt, Lake Mills 147  
Seth Stelpflug, Lancaster 171  
Jeremy Roskopf, Mayville 164  
Trent Bauer, New Richmond 160  
Joey Kowley, Northwestern 178  
Ryan Behnke, Peshtigo 177  
Ray Graney, Platteville 163  
Dan Woltman, Water. Luther 146  
Tom Wilson, Xavier 158

## DIVISION 3

### Team scores -

- 1, Osseo-Fairchild 634;
  - 2, University School 646;
  - 3, Racine Prairie 659;
  - 4, Chippewa Falls McDonell 664;
  - 5, Iowa-Grant 679;
  - 6, Marshfield Columbus 694;
  - 7, Brillion 697;
  - 8, Pardeeville 717.
- ### Top 10 individuals -
- 1, Garrett Jones, IG, 148;
  - 2, Andrew Longbella, MCD, 151;
  - 3, Ty White, USM, 152;
  - 4, Andrew Hensel, CAM, 153;
  - 5, Jason Johnson, OF, 155;
  - 6 (tie), Logan Alexander, KIC and Geordy Baumann, USM, 156;
  - 8 (tie), Andrew Wemar, MCD and Ben Sieg, OF, 157;
  - 10, Sarah Chang, RP, 158.

### Brillion

- Seth Kabat 164  
Jamie McKinney 159  
Joe VandeBurgt 184  
Chase Jensen 202  
Tom Irish 190

### Iowa-Grant

- Garrett Jones 148  
Michael Oellerich 159  
Curt Hildreth 173  
Kurt Jenks 199  
Aaron Edge 229

### Marshfield Columbus

- Dan Hastreiter 164  
Adam Whittman 180  
Mark Loveland 167  
Scott Marx 184  
Brad Heinzen 199



**McDonnell Central**

Andrew Longbella 151  
 Andrew Werner 157  
 David Korte 170  
 Dustin Durch 189  
 David Durch 188  
**Osseo-Fairchild**  
 Jason Johnson 155  
 Joey Sieg 161  
 Ben Sieg 157  
 Jordan Langner 161  
 Justin Wathke 173  
**Pardeeville**  
 Jordan Parker 174  
 John Fisk 179  
 Josh Glendenning 189  
 Sam Orth 191  
 Ty Thomas 181

**The Prairie School**

Ryan Pettibone 163  
 Tim Freres 171  
 Sarah Chang 158  
 Scott Muzenski 168  
 Craig Jerdee 167  
**University School**  
 Brad Slocum 166,  
 Matt Roadhouse 175  
 Ty White 152  
 Gordy Baumann 156  
 Kent Cabatangan 178.

**Individuals**

Michael Allen Cambridge 158  
 Andy Hensel, Cambridge 153  
 Kory Engebretson, Chetek 166  
 Dusty Schoenfuss, Chetek 170  
 Brand Fossum, Grantsburg 162  
 Jake Conner, Heri Christian 174.  
 Logan Alexander, Kickapoo 156  
 Craig Hansen, Osh Lourdes 163  
 Ryan Koch, Pacelli 170  
 Jon Coats, Pembine 158  
 Justin Gooser, Sheb Area Luth 158  
 Brett Simonis, Wabeno 160

**River Valley Invite**

337 Dodgeville  
 340 Platteville  
 344 Viroqua  
 345 Wisconsin Heights  
 345 Fond du Lac  
 349 River Valley  
 351 Mineral Point  
 353 Barneveld  
 359 Lancaster  
 360 Iowa-Grant  
 360 Beloit Turner  
 365 Berlin  
 365 Waukesha South  
 367 Richland Center  
 390 Southwestern  
 393 Darlington  
 394 Fennimore  
 397 Prairie du Chien

**MEDALISTS**

75 Garrett Jones- PDC  
 75 Andrew Hagen- BT  
 77 Rich Gannon- DV  
 77 Matt Kurth- DV  
 80 Jeff Doan- V

**Lake Country**

312 Arrowhead  
 322 Oconomowoc  
 326 Kenosha Tremper  
 329 Arrowhead  
 339 Pius XI  
 340 Kettle Moraine  
 342 Watertown  
 342 Waupun  
 347 Mukwonago  
 347 Catholic Memorial  
 352 Brookfield East  
 353 Marquette  
 354 West Allis Hale  
 356 Brookfield Central  
 357 Wauwatosa East  
 359 Homestead  
 359 Beaver Dam  
 361 Menomonee Falls  
 362 Wisconsin Lutheran  
 364 Waukesha West  
 365 Wauwatosa West  
 366 University School  
 367 Cedarburg  
 370 Waukesha North  
 370 Racine Case  
 374 Sussex Hamilton  
 377 Mayville  
 380 St Catherine  
 389 Thomas More  
 394 Wayland Academy  
 414 Waukesha South  
 442 West Bend West  
 499 New Berlin Eisenhower Medalists  
 74 Merkow- Arrowhead  
 Delsman- Arrowhead  
 Sell- Oconomowoc  
 75 Kraemer- Watertown  
 76 White- USM  
 77 Zeec- Tremper  
 Kestly- Oconomowoc  
 79 Korbel- Arrowhead  
 Lucas- Arrowhead  
 Punko- Arrowhead  
 Staude- Wis Lutheran

**Spartan Invite II**

306 Middleton  
 308 Madison LaFollette  
 317 McFarland  
 325 Johnson Creek  
 327 Madison Memorial  
 333 Monroe  
 337 Madison West  
 337 Madison Edgewood  
 347 Madison East  
 348 Milton  
 372 Sun Prairie Medalists  
 69 Danny Zimmerman, Middleton  
 74 Brent Bartels, LaF  
 74 Paul Zwart, LaF  
 75 Mike Possin, Mem  
 75 Micaiah Meuer, Middleton

**Waukesha Invitational**

316 Arrowhead  
 319 Racine Park  
 319 Homestead  
 324 Waukesha West  
 330 Kettle Moraine  
 332 Green Bay Preble  
 332 South Milwaukee  
 332 Wauwatosa West  
 332 Pius  
 335 Brookfield Central  
 341 Catholic Memorial  
 343 West Allis Hale  
 345 Marquette  
 349 Racine Case  
 349 New Berlin West  
 354 Whitnall  
 354 Watertown  
 356 Racine Horlick  
 357 Thomas More  
 369 Wauwatosa East  
 366 Waukesha South  
 366 Cudahy  
 366 Wisconsin Lutheran  
 367 Waukesha North  
 374 Franklin Medalists  
 73- Scott Maupin, W West  
 74- Charlie Delsman, Arr  
 75- Mike Bielawski, WAHale  
 76- Brett Staude, Wis Luth  
 76- Bendt Bendtsen, Park  
 76- Kevin Cruz, Br Central  
 76- Chad Weinbrecht, GB Preble  
 76- Ryan Zikeli, KM  
 77- Matt Wescoe, Homestead  
 77- Dave Merkow, Arr

**River Valley Invite**

337 Dodgeville  
 340 Platteville  
 344 Viroqua  
 345 Wisconsin Heights  
 345 Fond du Lac  
 349 River Valley  
 351 Mineral Point  
 353 Barneveld  
 359 Lancaster  
 360 Iowa-Grant  
 360 Beloit Turner  
 365 Berlin  
 365 Waukesha South  
 367 Richland Center  
 390 Southwestern  
 393 Darlington  
 394 Fennimore  
 397 Prairie du Chien  
**MEDALISTS**  
 75 Garrett Jones- PDC  
 75 Andrew Hagen- BT  
 77 Rich Gannon- DV  
 77 Matt Kurth- DV  
 80 Jeff Doan- V

**Kenosha County**

323 Westosha  
 327 Tremper  
 341 Bradford  
 357 Wilmont  
 368 St Joseph's  
 412 Shoreland  
 Medalist  
 Matt Oster, Tremper 79

**SPHS Golf Tournament**

302 Sauk Prairie  
 313 Madison Memorial  
 320 Middleton  
 324 Fort Atkinson  
 331 Reedsburg  
 333 Baraboo  
 335 Monroe  
 344 Waunakee  
 346 Portage  
 350 Verona  
 351 Oregon  
 352 LaCrosse Central  
 358 Sparta  
 361 Monona Grove  
 386 Adams Friendship  
**MEDALIST**  
 71 Lewis Taylor, SP  
 72 Chris Streff, Monroe  
 73 Lucas Banks, SP  
 74 Danny Zimmerman, Mid  
 74 Chris Johnson, Mem

**Division 2**

310 McFarland  
 329 Platteville  
 331 Mount Horeb  
 336 Lodi  
 343 Evansville  
 344 Dodgeville  
 351 Wisconsin Heights  
 364 Richland Center  
 366 Mineral Point  
 373 Wisconsin Dells  
 381 Darlington  
 382 Columbus  
 386 Southwestern  
 411 Mauston  
**MEDALISTS**  
 72 Marc Gehrke, McF  
 76 Geoff Lorenz, Lodi  
 76 Ben Schmudlach, McF  
 76 Courtney Sonnetag, McF  
 78 Chad Theis, WH

**Fond du Lac Invitational**

291 Arrowhead  
 305 Homestead  
 313 Fond du Lac  
 315 Baraboo  
 321 Brookfield Central  
 323 Hartford  
 331 Brookfield East  
 341 North Fond du Lac  
 351 Sheboygan North  
 352 St Mary's Springs  
 359 Menasha  
 365 Mukwonago  
 Medalists  
 69 Charlie Delsman, HA  
 70 Dave Merkow, HA  
 74 Kevin Cruz, BC  
 74 Ted Jorgensen, H  
 75 Brian Thiet, H  
 75 Garrett Gosh HA  
 76 Jon Van Oosten, B  
 76 Nate Young, B  
 76 Mitch McGuire, H  
 76 Collin Fatke, FDL

