



# The New Coach Approach

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## President Lonergan's Message

I wonder if Tiger's win at the British Open can teach all of us something. **Longer is not always better!** If you buy into that concept, how do we teach that to our golfers?

Our summer clinic at Whistling Straights was dampened by a little rain but it was a good day. Please read the minutes of our meeting for details of our general membership meeting (pages 4 & 5). We discussed several issues that will be pursued with Tom Shafranski and the WIAA. Thanks for your input. Congratulations to Don Marx for his induction into our Hall of Fame. Washington County Golf Course was also honored as a Friend of Golf. Please nominate former coaches and golf courses that are deserving of these honors. Nomination forms are on our website: [www.whsgca.com](http://www.whsgca.com).

Our All-State team was selected by our All-State committee. It is not an easy job. We had over 60 golfers nominated. Not all of them were selected to one of the teams. The level of play in our state is constantly improving. Congratulations to Andy Hansen for being named as our Golfer-of-the-Year.

The girls season is here. Good luck to all. It seems very early for the season to start but there could be

worse places to be then on a golf course.

Please renew your membership now. Have your assistants join too! Your membership year begins August 1 and runs through July 31. The membership form can be found on the website. We feel bad when we get phone calls from parents who's son or daughter was deserving of All State status but could not be included on the team because the coach was not a member. The same is true for the Hole in One Award.

A few changes for next season will be a new and improved web site. Tony Pritchard is still in the process of updating and revising. We hope this is a tool for all of you. Please e-mail Tony your tournament results. We hope that results of tournaments from around the entire state can be on the web site for all to see. Our Spring Clinic will be the first weekend in March at the Wisconsin State Fair Grounds. You will have access with the Milwaukee Journal / Sentinel Golf Show. Our Summer Clinic will be at Erin Hills. This is a new course in my backyard (Hartford area) that has gotten rave reviews.

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer.

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2006

**Wisconsin Golf Coaches Association  
All-State Teams**

**1st Team**

Andy Hansen	Homestead	(Player of the Year)
Mike McDonald	Germantown	
Pat Steffes	Fond du Lac St. Mary Springs	
Max Hosking	Madison LaFollette	
Bob Entwistle	Elkhorn	
Andrew Steinhofer	Madison LaFollette	
Austin Ehlenfeldt	Beaver Dam	

**2nd Team**

Ben Sieg	Osseo-Fairchild
Dieter Zuehlke	Osseo-Fairchild
Scott Pavelski	Stevens Point
Mike Keller	Waukesha Catholic Memorial
Tyler Graf	Milwaukee Marquette
Kyle Hyland	Madison Memorial

**3rd Team**

Brady Keegan	Eau Claire Memorial
Brent Quade	Monroe
Ryan Peters	Kohler
Ryan Shullo	Spooner
Jason Johnson	Green Bay Preble
Keith Buntrock	Milwaukee Thomas More
Erik Mayer	Appleton East

**Honorable Mention**

Ryan Carroll.....	Berlin	Chris Sullivan.....	Barneveld
Jason Jorgensen.....	Onalaska	John Anderson.....	Appleton East
Ren Jungck.....	Onalaska	Ryan Prickette.....	Appleton Xavier
Ben Tenuta.....	Kenosha Bradford	Troy Marks.....	Madison LaFollette
Chad Ebert.....	Kenosha Bradford	Andrew Verhelst.....	Oregon
Mike Ratkovitch.....	Homestead	Scott Muzeuski.....	Racine Prairie
Tyler Becker.....	Homestead	Matt Elverman.....	Waukesha Catholic Memorial
Lee Swan.....	Portage	Jacob Brookshaw.....	River Falls
Craig Cerbins.....	Portage	Matt Van Ess.....	Green Bay Preble
Keegan Drugan.....	Holmen	Ricky Hearnden.....	Green Bay Notre Dame
Jeff Kaether.....	McFarland	Jon Walsh.....	Green Bay Notre Dame
Richie Burke.....	Madison Edgewood	Jeff Groose.....	Brookfield Central
Jake Nelson.....	Ladysmith		



## New Program @ UW Stout

I am writing to the high school golf coaches in Wisconsin to seek your assistance in announcing to your student athletes and others our new B.S. in Golf Enterprise Management at UW-Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin.

The B.S. in Golf Enterprise Management (GEM) at UW-Stout is off to a fantastic beginning. Approved by the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents in October, 2005, the four-year B.S. program already has over 70 students and the Specialization in GEM (18-22 credits) has 12 students. These students have transferred to UW-Stout from other colleges in the Midwest as juniors or seniors, or have transferred from other academic programs at UW-Stout. The majority of these students have previous work experience at golf courses. Amazingly, the first graduates of the GEM program will be May 2007.

The primary objective of the program is to prepare graduates for careers in golf course management. However, graduates of the GEM program will also be prepared for entry-level management within corporations that manage multiple courses, golf retail businesses, tourism businesses, and many other golf-related businesses.

Students receive a comprehensive education with courses in business, customer service, food and beverage and retail management, in addition to golf-specific content in customer development and retention, golf course design and turf management. For a better idea of the GEM program, go to:

<http://www.uwstout.edu/programs/bsgem/>

Additionally, UW-Stout is in the final stage of approving men's and women's varsity golf teams. We expect full approval by this spring.

We have already begun an active campaign to secure academic scholarships for GEM students.

Coupled with the varsity teams, the GEM program is an ideal opportunity for young men and women in Wisconsin who have a passion for golf. Even though it is running a bit late for fall 2006 admissions, we expect to have amply opportunities for fall 2007 admissions.

If you would like a hard copy brochure about the GEM program, or if I can answer any questions you have, please contact me.

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This information may be old news to some of you but I had some space to fill and maybe all of you have not seen this information. Hopefully some of our golfers will be able to take advantage of this program.

### Where are they now???

I don't know because I did not get any information. Please e-mail me information about some of your former players and what they are now doing (hopefully golf related).

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## WHSGCA Board Meeting Minutes

### **Wisconsin Golf Coach Association Summer Board Meeting - Tuesday June 20th The Players Room Whistling Straights**

#### Present

John Lonergan, Brian Scrobel, Roger Prickette, Dave Blake, Jerry Allen, Anna Curtis, Chuck Menzel, Bob Lehninger, Mark Johnson, Tony Pritchard, Dick Vruwink, TJ Dieck, Dick McKichan, Don Marx, Bill Berkholtz

#### Not Present

Mikki Duran, Mary Beth Nienhaus, Mark Rechlicz

12:00 Call to order

Approval of the Spring minutes

Bill Motion...Johnson 2nd...15 Y...0 N

**Board Duties (John)** - A. Make sure everyone is checking their emails...if you are not getting all emails, please check filters and respond asap. B. Adding two new duties...State ranking for teams Girls and Boys (Brian)...adding a hospitality / coaches information tent at the State tournament - Less than \$500.00 budget but would be better if cost neutral (find a sponsor) (Brian)...We need someone to step up and help with the Summer Clinic (Anna???)

Bill Motion...Johnson 2nd...15 Y...0 N

**Treasurers Report (TJ)** - We are in OK shape...The last two years the WHSGCA has spent a lot more on the summer clinic, but overall, we are OK.

Bill Motion...Johnson 2nd...15 Y...0 N

**Membership Report (Mark)** - We are still down a bit...279. We would like it to be around 350. Coaches should step up and talk to the other coaches in your areas. There is always some confusion on when the membership years starts and ends. The membership starts every fall (August 1st) and concludes after the summer clinic (July 31st). We (as a board) must make the date more clear to the membership...We should post the membership list on the web site...We should also look at staff price...We are going to send a letter to ALL AD's in the State and see if that gets the numbers up.

\$30.00 per coach

\$20.00 per retired coach

Bill Motion...Johnson 2nd...15 Y...0 N

**Awards (Dick & Jerry)** - Don Marx was elected to the Hall of Fame and Washington County GC won the Friend of Golf Award. The hall of Fame was moved from one part of University Ridge to another...It looks great!

Bill Motion...Johnson 2nd...15 Y...0 N

**All State (Chuck)** - (See List)

Bill Motion...Johnson 2nd...15 Y...0 N

**Web Site Report (Tony Pritchard)** - There was a major facelift to the web site. We are still in the process of making it a more useful tool. We are asking that tournament host NOT to send or email scores / results to all of the coaches / teams...rather, email the results to Tony and post the website name ([www.whsgca.com](http://www.whsgca.com)) on the scoreboard at you invite so that the players, parents, and coaches will be looking at the site on a more regular basis...The PDF's are on the site and working fine, we will have the RTF forms back up soon...Maybe we can add an extra link (not a pop-up) that reminds all coaches to check their memberships and all forms that they are going to need / use.

We are still looking for a link from the WIAA Web site. We would like to add more history to the site.

Bill Motion...Brian 2nd...15 Y...0 N

**Spring Clinic (Dave)** - We are set to move the date and location. It is going to be on the same Saturday as the Golf Plus Show at State Fair Park in Milwaukee. The Clinic is going to be in the morning (PGA speakers, WSGA Rules clinic and other presenters. After lunch all of the coaches will be able to explore the expo floor and networks with other coaches and vendors. The cost of \$30.00 will include a ticket into the expo.

Bill Motion...Jerry 2nd...15 Y...0 N

**Summer Clinic (Dave and Brian)** - The Summer clinic is all set for The Irish Course at the Straights. The event starts at 9:00. Dave shared the tee gift with everyone. It is going to be a first Class event. It looks like next years clinic is going to be at Erin Hills in Erin WI. Check out the web site <http://www.erinhills.com/>  
Bill Motion...Johnson 2nd...15 Y...0 N

**WIAA Report / New Business (John)** - A list of the "Hot Topics"

-Regional Practice Round - concerns...make sure there is no loss of school time, cost, it is more safe taking a team rather than having them drive on their own (safety, safety, safety).

-The high cost of some regionals / Sectionals - concerns...many golfers have to pay for their practice rounds on their own and at some courses, some kids are not going to practice because of the cost. We would like to cap it at \$25.00 per player.

-How to group teams at regionals / sectionals - weather changes make many unfair conditions. Look at all of the 5's go...then the 4's etc.

-Live scoring - Concern, might put extra pressure on players.

-Invites at Uridge - Are they OK or not??? There will be no new invites added/ played there...

-Range finders - WIAA said no...What do we think? Yes, they are not a problem.

-WIAA rules video will be ready in the fall

-Changing players that get hurt in between Regionals and Sectionals.

We will gather input from the general membership at our meeting tomorrow.

Tony Motion...Johnson 2nd...15 Y...0 N

**Coach Approach (John)** - The Coach Approach is going well...Please send info and John will get it in. There has been great follow-ups on former players in the "Where are they now..."

TJ Motion...Roger 2nd...15 Y...0 N

**Next Year Meetings**

Fall Board Meeting Sat Nov. 11th Wisconsin Dells  
8:00-10:00 All State and 10:00-2:00 meeting

Spring Board Meeting Friday March 2nd Pewaukee  
Thunder Bay Grille

Spring Clinic Saturday March 3rd  
Milwaukee State Fair Park - The Golf Show

Summer Board Meeting June 18th Erin Hills  
Summer Clinic June 19th Erin Hills

Meeting adjourned 3:10  
Bill Motion...Johnson 2nd...15 Y...0 N

*Several topics were discussed in the general membership meeting on June 21.  
See the topics and vote totals on page 6.*



## Some words about Andy Hansen - Our 2006 Player of the Year!

Andy is a three year varsity player. His career 9-hole average is 38.60. In the 48 year history of Homestead Boys Golf, that is a school record. Andy also holds the school record for low single season scoring average of 37.45. He beat Tim Grogan who played at UNLV and is currently the coach at Marquette University.

This season Andy was Division 1 medalist at the Janesville Invite with a score of 73. Andy also won the North Shore Conference Final at Washington County Golf Course with a score of 70. Andy was First Team All North Shore Conference. Andy placed second at both Regionals and Sectionals. Andy won the individual state tournament with a record two day total of 136. That is a record once held by Scott Cole of Richmond who shot 140 in 1990. Andy also tied the course record at University Ridge with a 65. That score is also a WIAA state record at the state tournament.

Andy was also named the Southeastern Wisconsin, Player of the Year by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. He was the team MVP as well as the Homestead's Booster Club winner of the "Highlander Award" which is awarded to the Person of the utmost character, honesty and integrity in each sport. He was voted this award by his teammates. Andy is the son of Mark and Carlene Hansen and will attend Parkside University next year.

### Wisconsin High School Golf Coach Association 2006 Clinic Results Whistling Straights - Irish Course

1	John	Lonergan	Hartford	77	25	Jim	Stecker	North Fond Du Lac	90
2	Mark	Johnson	Reedsburg	78	26	Brad	Bailie	Waupaca	91
3	Steve	Wilhelm	Amery	78	27	Paul	Fenneme	Kenosha Tremper	91
4	Bob	Lehineiger	Wisconsin Luth	80	28	Ed	Carlson		91
5	Dan	Wandrey	Brookfield Central	81	29	Gary	Hurley	Little Chute	93
6	Jay	Christianson	Mukwonago	82	30	Brian	Johnson	Shawano	93
7	Kevin	Pratt	Little Chute	82	31	John	Krueger	Homestead	93
8	Kevin	Reichardt	Appleton East	82	32	Tom	Molling	West DePere	94
9	Brian	Scrobel	Brookfield Central	83	33	Carroll	Schell	Cumberland	95
10	Ben	Pytleski	Oconto Falls	83	34	George	Howenstine	Appleton East	97
11	John	Schell	Stevens Point	83	35	Jim	Sjolin	Neillsville	97
12	Ted	Devine	Ashwaubenon	85	36	Gary	Grossman	Evansville	98
13	Bob	Sullivan	Big Foot	86	37	Joe	Lamia	Clintonville	98
14	Garth	Gerstenberger	Tomahawk	87	38	Ken	Haagensen	Edgerton	100
15	Mary	Mirman	Stevens Point	87	39	Steve	Murdock	New Berlin West	100
16	Mike	Wegner	Shawano	87	40	Troy	Ryan	Wisconsin Dells	107
17	Ray	Carney	New Berlin West	88	41	Brian	Hartley		107
18	Steve	O'Brien	Homestead	88	42	Ron	Lesjak	Kenoska Bradford	108
19	Jim	Saliny	New Richmond	88	43	Scott	Bruer		111
20	Jim	Schmidt	NeKoosa	88					
21	Mike	Sobotta	Arcadia	88					
22	Dale	Timm	West DePere	88					
23	Jeff	Zehren	Neenah	88					
24	Eric	Sonsalla	Arcadia	90					

Due to the rain delay, some golfers could not complete their rounds.