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## Dear Coach:

This is a copy of our first electronic Coach Approach newsletter. We know that all of you did not receive it via E-Mail so we have sent it out on paper (the last time). We hope you'll take the time to read through all the articles and give any feedback you feel would make this more valuable.

As you may have heard at the summer clinic the "Coach Approach" will now be sent out via e-mail. This will save the association over \$1000.00 per year for paper, printing, and postage. It will be necessary for us to have an accurate e-mail address (school, home, or both) for each member.

Remember that our dues run on a yearly basis (August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>). In order for you to receive the Coach Approach you must be a member. Please register now! Please encourage all coaches at all levels to join. Visit our web site for the registration form.

Visit our web site, [www.whsgca.com](http://www.whsgca.com), for additional updates, forms, tournament results, etc.

## President's Message:

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Welcome to a new year, a new season, and hopefully a new positive group of golfers. I like looking forward to the future. But first I need to look back at some of our past events.

The Boys State Tournament got off to a rainy start but all the golfers were able to complete their rounds. It was a good tournament, and congratulations to the state championship teams. Division I - Arrowhead / Coach Tom Tallmadge, Division II - Green bay Notre Dame / Coach Brian Goginski, Division III - Stevens Point Pacelli / Coach Brian Winquist.

The WHSGCA All State Teams are listed in this issue. We congratulate all the golfers who were voted on to the All State teams. I again had my usual 3 to 4 phone calls wondering why a certain golfer was not selected to one of the teams. I feel bad that so many deserving golfers are not included in the selection process, but if the coach is not a member or does not nominate an individual, how can they be on the All State team? Please encourage coaches in your area to nominate their top golfers. It is their professional responsibility as a coach to belong to this organization and to honor their best golfers.

In July the US Senior Open was held at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wisconsin. There were many, (30-35), golf coaches who volunteered their time throughout the week-long event. It was a great experience being able to get up close with the experienced pros. Most of them were very gracious and talkative with those working. They still have smooth swings and are able to hit it out there. I am hoping that the WHSGCA is asked to do similar activities in the future. It was a positive experience and a great opportunity to give back to the game.

The Girl's season is here, good luck to all! I know it makes for a short summer, but as we all know the cold winds and snow will be here soon enough. Which would you prefer: warm, sunny and 80's now or who knows what in November. Have a great season!

One last item. The entire board puts in many hours attempting to serve High School golf coaches and the athletes. Many have served on the board for several years. I would like to thank them for their time and effort. I am very excited about the four new members that were added to the board recently. Andrea Weiland from Milton will be taking over the treasurers duties and will be on the Girls All-State Committee, Jeremy Schlitz from Madison Memorial will also be on the Girls All-State Committee, Garth Gertensberger from Tomohawk will be in charge of the Summer Clinic, and Dick Kyes from Onalaska will be on the Boys All-State Committee. They each will bring new energy and ideas to the board.

Swing well,

**John**

### 2007 Boys All - State Teams

**Congratulations to all the boys nominated and selected to the Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association All-State Teams. Fifty-five players were nominated by coaches from throughout the state. The following boys were selected to 1<sup>st</sup> team, 2<sup>nd</sup> team, 3<sup>rd</sup> team and honorable mention.**

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM

##### **Jack Schultz**

Sophomore. Whitefish Bay High School. Coach Dave Johnson  
Parents are Dave and Amy Schultz  
Player of the Year for the WWSGCA. WIAA Division 1  
State Champion Finished 1<sup>st</sup> in 8 of the 11 meets he participated in.  
Averaged 36.92 per nine holes. Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Player  
of the Year.

##### **John Anderson**

Junior. Appleton East High School. Coach Kevin Reichardt  
Son of Jack and Kathy Anderson  
Tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in WIAA Division 1 State Meet. Lost in playoff to Whitefish

Bay's

Jack Schultz. 1<sup>st</sup> team all-conference Fox Valley Association.  
#1 scoring average in conference play. Averaged 36.14 per nine holes.  
Selected to WWSGCA All-State Academic Team

##### **Anthony Aicher**

Sophomore. Wausau East High School. Coach Buck Welsh  
Parents are David and Elizabeth Aicher  
Finished tie for 7<sup>th</sup> in WIAA Division 1 State Meet. Averaged  
37.29 per nine holes. 2006 WPGA Jr. Player of the Year.

##### **Matt Haase**

Senior. Medford High School. Coach Dave Vaara  
Son of Michael and Rosalyn Haase

Finished 4<sup>th</sup> in WIAA Division 2 State Meet. Placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 12 of the 14 meets he participated in. Averaged 38.28 per nine holes.

### **Sam Frank**

Sophomore. Kettle Moraine High School. Coach Mike Duchin  
Parents are Joel and Lisa Frank

Tied for 7<sup>th</sup> in WIAA Division State Meet. Average 37.75 per nine holes.  
1<sup>st</sup> Team Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel. Lowest average in Classic Eight Conference with 76.0. Selected to WHSGCA All-State Academic Team

### **Brady Keegan**

Junior. Eau Claire Memorial High School. Coach Mike Glassbrenner  
Parents are Greg Keegan and Rebecca Rucker.

1<sup>st</sup> Team Big Rivers all-conference team. Player of the year in Big Rivers Conference (2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row). Tied for 7<sup>th</sup> in WIAA Division 1 State

Meet.

Averaged 36.82 per nine holes.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM**

Chad Ebert	Junior	Kenosha Bradford H.S.	Ron Lesjack
Jimmy Thompson	Senior	Hayward H.S.	Dave Blake
Jeff Groose	Junior	Brookfield Central H.S.	Brian Scorbel
Andrew Steinhofner	Sophomore	Madison LaFollette H.S.	Ben Houseman
Alex Reinicke	Senior	Kettle Moraine H.S.	Mike Duchin
Ricky Hearnden	Sophomore	Notre Dame Academy	Brian Bobinski
Keegan Drugan	Senior	Holmen H.S.	Paul Laxton

### **3<sup>RD</sup> TEAM**

Aaron Seubert	Junior	Waukesha Catholic Memorial H.S.	Steve Plechaty
Jake Shapiro	Senior	Madison West H.S.	Kurt Van Someren
Erik Mayer	Junior	Appleton East H.S.	Kevin Reichardt
Grant Shafranski	Senior	Stevens Point Pacelli H.S.	Grian Winquist
Mike Sorenson	Sophomore	Hartland Arrowhead H.S.	Tom Tallmadge
Kelly Kretz	Senior	Antigo H.S.	Steve Fermanich

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

Kevin Buntrock	Junior	St. Thomas More H.S.	Bob Clarey
Jake Nelson	Sophomore	Ladysmith H.S.	Don Hanson
Ryan Prickette	Junior	Appleton Xavier H.S.	Steve Howe
Jon Walsh	Senior	Notre Dame Academy	Brian Bobinski
Daniel Martin	Senior	Notre Dame Academy	Brian Bobinski
Mike Hesselman	Junior	Edgerton H.S.	Ken Haggensen

Jacob Brookshaw	Senior	River Falls H.S.	Paul Meyer
Matt Elverman	Senior	Waukesha Catholic Memorial H.S.	Steve Plechaty
Tyler Graf	Senior	Milwaukee Marquette H.S.	Tom Person
Max Hosking	Junior	Madison LaFollette H.S.	Ben Houseman
Taylor Koser	Sophomore	Rice Lake H.S.	Tom Germanson
Derrick Meier	Senior	Chilton H.S.	Dan Hartman
Eric Christensen	Junior	Amery H.S.	Steve Wilhelm
Kyler Royston	Senior	Wisconsin Dells H.S.	Troy Ryan
Ben Nelson	Junior	Westosha Central H.S.	Mark Olsen
Jordan Lockhart	Sophomore	Elkhorn Area H.S.	J.P. Fisher
Cody Strang	Sophomore	Madison Edgewood H.S.	Joe Ring
Dan Semrad	Junior	Waukesha Catholic Memorial H.S.	Steve Plechaty
Jon Kemman	Senior	Beloit Memorial H.S.	Tod Clarey
Mike Battista	Junior	Madison West H.S.	Kurt Van Someren
Mario Russo	Senior	Appleton East H.S.	Kevin Reichardt
Lucas VanBeck	Junior	Wisconsin Rapids H.S.	Steve Peterson
Matt Gorman	Sophomore	Wauwaukee H.S.	Craig Myers
John Gullberg	Freshman	Racine Case H.S.	Jerry Kupper
Ethan Geidel	Sophomore	Kewaskum H.S.	Glen Eichstedt

## Summer Clinic Review

The owner of Erin Hills, Mr. Bob Lang addressing the coaches at the summer clinic.



I cannot speak for all the coaches that attended the summer clinic at Erin Hills, but the feedback I received was very positive. The course, (and wind), were a challenge. The service, the clinician, the food were great thanks to all those that helped to make it an enjoyable day. A special thanks to Bob Lang and staff for closing the course for that excellent day!

## 2007 Summer Clinic Results / June 19 at Erin Hills



Shooting the low score of the day was Dan Anderson of Bonduel. Dan was able to battle the challenges of Erin Hills and the wind better than anyone else. Congradulation to Dan.

Dan	Anderson	Bonduel	74
Mark	Johnson	Reedsburg	78
Eric	Sonsalla	Arcadia	78
Bill	Kujawa	Cudahy	78
John	Lonergan	Hartford	79
Joe	Arrington	Brookfield East	79
Ben	Pytleski	Oconto Falls	79
Steve	Wilhelm	Amery	80
Kent	Wickman	Johnson Creek	81
Andrea	Wieland	Milton	81
Tom	Hau	New Holstein	81
Jim	Thiel	Martin Luther	82
Dale	Johnson	Madison Memorial	82
Paul	Fennema	Kenosha Tremper	82
Glenn	Eichstedt	Kewaskum	83
Carole	Zierden	Rhineland	83
Paul	Foegen	Marshfield	83
Kevin	Pratt	Little Chute	83
Dave	Blake	Hayward	84
Dick	Heckel	Beaver Dam	84
Dick	McKichan	Platteville	85
John	Penn	Tomahawk	85
Mike	Sobotta	Arcadia	85
Willy	Lohr	Cudahy	85
Dave	Moe	Hortonville	85
Eric	Rojemann	Johnson Creek	86
Kelly	Green	Port Washington	86
Garth	Gerstenberger	Tomahawk	86
Cindy	Kinzel	Arrowhead	86
Aaron	Andres	Baraboo	87
George	Faherty	Oconomowoc	87
Kevin	Reichardt	Appleton East	87
Dennis	Thome	East Troy	88
Mark	Fifrick	Fennimore	88
Pat	Redmond	Hartford	89
Jeff	Zehen	Neenah	89
Lance	Wenger	Greendale	89
Glenn	Eichstedt	Kewaskum	89
Bob	Sullivan	Big Foot	89
Mike	Wagner	Shawano	89
Chris	Minchk	Brookfield East	90
Wayne	Stapleford	Wisconsin Dells	90
Tod	Clarey	Beloit	90
Ken	Haagenser	Edgerton	90
Joe	Lamia	Clintonville	90
Steve	Bergmann	Turtle Lake	90
Dick	Massuch	Watertown	91
Al	Meisel	Waukesha South	91

Kevin	Plath	Cudahy	91
John	Copeland	Germantown	91
Randy	Howard	Sussex Hamilton	92
Adam	McDonald	Waukesha	92
John	Steffen	Wilmont	92
Jeff	Croatt	Germantown	92
Mike	Breaker	Arrowhead	92
Joe	Spudich	Hartford	93
Eddie	Wiegman	East Troy	93
Ron	Hilton	Milton	93
Art	Gurholt	Beloit	93
Gary	Hurley	Little Chute	93
Brian	Bobinski	GBND	94
Roger	Prickette	Watertown	94
TJ	Dieck	Milton	94
Bill	Berkholtz	Burlington	94
Ray	Carney	New Berlin West	94
Steve	Murdock	New Berlin West	94
Janet	Breaker	Arrowhead	95
Gary	Grossman	Evansville	95
Scott	Bruer	Reedsburg	96
George	Howenstine	Appleton East	96
Brian	Johnson	Shawano	96
Tom	Tallmadge	Arrowhead	97
Eddie	Carlson	Portage	97
Troy	Ryan	Wisconsin Dells	97
Lee	Rooker	Beloit	98
Jim	Saliny	New Richmond	99
Rick	Maass	Portage	99
Carl	McKeeth	Arcadia	99
Tom	Gasner	DeForest	99
Randy	Kinzel	Arrowhead	99
Mike	Houlihan	Kenosha Bradford	99
Rob	Cira	Waukesha	101
Don	Nappe	Cudahy	102
Don	Cornwell	Oregon	104
Tonya	Gnewikow	Tomah	105
Scott	Siemion	DeForest	107
Ron	Lesjak	Kenosha Bradford	107
Don	Marx	Madison Memorial	111
Bob	Chesney	Northeren	126
		Ozaukee	

### Erin Hill's PGA Pro Jim Lombardo's Golf Tips

Golf tips for Coaches geared towards helping their players and becoming an active participant in their golf swings and their practice habits.

1. Have players hit on range towards a very



specific flag or target. Watch several shots. Make sure they are aligned at target so you can determine what they need to work on. Lay clubs on ground for alignment tools if you need to.

- a. Watch ball flight and where ball initially takes off. For example, if ball continually starts left of target and goes straight (a pull), you can bet that club path is out to in or over the top. You will see that if you are standing behind the player observing this. Remedy is to have the player become aware of this so they can try to swing the club in the other direction as they approach ball to get swing back on plane. Same holds true if they push all of their shots. You will see that they need to swing to the left after impact for a remedy. You will see all of this by aligning your player toward intended target and watching from directly behind.
- b. Watch ball flight and how it curves from the aligned, behind player position as well. If ball slices, no matter where it starts out, the player has an open face at impact. Their forearms have not rotated back properly to square up the club. They need to work on trying to rotate or cross over their forearms sooner or on the way down towards impact. Have them work on getting the toe of the club up toward the sky after impact. The same holds true for the shut face at impact. The player most likely has it shut or closed in the backswing, and you will see this if you are standing in the "teaching" position. They need to rotate the club in the backswing so it opens a little and then hopefully it will come through more square at impact.

These are two simple ways that you can help players. You can see club path and you can observe ball flight. All because you have player aligned and you are standing behind them on the target line. Everything is visible from this point.

2. Warm up habits or "routines" are a tremendous help for players preparing to play in an event. If they prepare the same way and have a consistent warm up, they will be able to carry forward what they did on the range or practice to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee.
  - a. A good drill to do prior to an event is to hit 8 wedges off a tee as your first 8 swings of the day. It takes the edge off and helps the player establish a nice rhythm going forward. Pulling out a driver right away is a recipe for on course disaster.
  - b. Always warm up the same with the same clubs. Hit those 8 wedges first. Then maybe a few off the ground, switch to an 8 iron, then hit a 6 iron, etc. all the way thru to driver. Don't deviate. Develop your own routine and stick to it. Finish with a few half wedges or sand wedges. Whatever you like, just do it again the next event and so on. Some people like to putt first and hit second or vice-versa. Do what you like, just keep it the same. Always, always warm up to a target. Hitting balls out onto the range at no intended target is a recipe for disaster as well.
  - c. Putt and chip with the idea that you are trying to get the speed of the greens down first. Long putts are a good way to start to get the speed down. Warm up with some chip and run shots followed by a few flop shots. This develops the proper touch you will need as you go out for your tournament.
3. All of these items are ways you can help your players and give them confidence that you can help them. This help is good because it is specific. You will feel good about being able to help them with their swings in this manner because you will see the results with their scores.
4. One swing drill that was covered was the one foot swing that helps the player find their balance or center. Stand on right foot and balance on left toe and try to hit fades with out falling over. This helps the player not lunge through the ball and it teaches



them to swing their arms more. This is a good drill for the player who seems to hit the ball all over the place. They are most likely moving laterally with their hips and not turning enough. This drill stops lateral movement.

Jim Lombardo PGA  
Erin Hills

## WHSOCA Board Meeting Minutes

### Wisconsin Golf Coach Association Summer Board Meeting - Monday, June 18, 2007 Erin Hills Grill Room - Erin Wisconsin

#### Present

John Lonergan, Brian Scobel, Roger Prickette, Jerry Allen, Mark Johnson, Tony Pritchard, Dick Vruwink, Don Marx, Bill Berkholtz, Jeremy Schlitz, Dave Blake, Garth Gerstenberger, Chuck Menzel, Andrea Wieland, Mark Rechlicz, Anne Curtis, TJ Dieck, Dick McKichan, Dick Kyes

#### Not Present

Mary Beth Nienhaus, Bob Lehninger

#### 6:08 Call to order

#### Approval of the Spring minutes

Bill Motion---Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

**Board Duties (John)** - Dick Vruwink will be stepping down. Good Luck to him and thank you for your help over the years. Dick was going to be 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president, that means, we will need to look for a president after Brian Scobel's term in 2011. Anne Curtis would be the to be our new College rep. She is now an asst. coach at Viterbo College.

Bill Motion---Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

**Treasurers Report (TJ)** - We are in good shape. The last three years the WHSGCA has spent a lot more on the summer clinic, but overall, we are OK. The biggest thing is if we have a new idea we need to find the \$\$\$ before we OK the new cost. John would like every committee to have a budget and know going into every year how much money is available to that committee.

Bill Motion---Roger 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

**Membership Report (Mark)** - WE are up 12 members and we have 30 NEW members. Bag tags are no longer going to be sent out. Coaches can pick them up @ Spring or Summer Clinic or the State meets. *The membership starts every fall (August 1<sup>st</sup>) and concludes after the summer clinic (July 31<sup>st</sup>).* *The CURRENT MEMBERSHIP List in on the WEB SITE.* 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 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 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. One easy way to add traffic is to NOT send or email scores / results to all of the coaches / teams, rather, email the results to Tony and post the website at you invite and most of the players and coaches will be looking at the site on a more regular basis. John printed up some Web Site Address posters to hand out and post at invites. The hits and traffic are way up. There were almost 50 invites posted this spring alone. We are very close to having all on-line forms ready for the Fall seasons. We are going to need \$800-\$1000 to update all forms.

Bill Motion to accept and spend up to 1,000 towards the website.

TJ 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

**State Coaches Poll (Brian)** - It was a great 1<sup>st</sup> year. The procedure was stated that a number of coaches across the state would send their "RANK" to Brian and he would total the points and post on the web site. A few coaches were just sending a few hot teams from their areas. John would like to have Brian come up with the Rank of the teams based on every ones feedback, NOT a point system. This would help protect against a team like Appleton East never making the top 10 and taking 3rd @ State.

Having a separate D2 & D3 Poll is the way to go to get all of those small "Power" schools in. The board wanted to keep the system in place and make sure the AP and the states larger papers all get the poll emailed to them.

Jerry Motion---Anna 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

**Hospitality Tent (Brian)** - The Tent was deemed a success. There was a lot of activity and all of the coaches that stopped by to visit, loved it and it will only grow with each year. There needs to be more help from other coaches. We are looking at the hours it should be open and some "un-manned" times. The costs were well within our budget.

TJ Motion---Don 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

**Awards (Dick & Jerry)** - There was on one award this Spring. Friend of Golf - Old Hickory CC in Beaver Dam. One of the TOP courses in the state of Wisconsin has been helping high school golf for years. We are out of Space on the Hall of Fame Wall. John and Tony have been working with Healey to come up with a New smaller HOF award and to "redo" the Hall of fame.

Bill Motion spend up to 2000.00 on the new hall of fame

Roger 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

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

Brian Motion---Anna 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

**Spring Clinic (Dave & Bob)** - This year was a great clinic. We will again be hosting our clinic @ the Milwaukee Journal Golf Plus Show in West Allis.

**The date will be Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30**

Jerry Motion---Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

**Summer Clinic (Brian and Dave)** - We are set for a great Day @ Erin Hills. Next year the clinic in going to be held at Northern Bay CC just north of the Wisconsin Dells. Rated one of **America's Best New Courses** by Golf Digest! Next year Garth Gerstenberger will be the host of the summer clinic.

Mark Motion---Don 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

**WIAA Report** (John and Tom Shfranski WIAA) - A list of the "Hot Topics"  
Please look at the notes from the Prez for more detail.

- Regional Practice Round - concerns
- Live scoring - New at State this year
- Coaching on the course
- WIAA will look at the Michigan Court case and it will have to change some sports and their seasons. Golf seems to be OK.

**Coach Approach** (John) - The Coach Approach is going well. The big push is going to go ONLINE with the coach Approach. It will save about \$1000.00 to \$1200.00 per year.

TJ Motion for the "CA" to go ONLINE ---TJ---Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

Tony Motion---Brian 2<sup>nd</sup>---19 Y---0 N

**Next Year Meetings**

Fall Board Meeting	Saturday Nov. 3rd Northern Bay 8:00-10:30 All State 10:30-2:00 Board Meeting
Spring Board Meeting	Friday March 7th Pewaukee Thunder Bay Grille
Spring Clinic	Saturday March 8th West Allis State Fair Park - The Golf Show
Summer Board Meeting	June 23rd Northern Bay
Summer Clinic	June 24th Northern Bay

**Meeting adjourned 9:59**

Bill Motion---Andrea 2<sup>nd</sup> 19 Y--0 N

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Coaching Duties: Boys \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Coaching \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

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