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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 1st to July 31st). 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, for additional updates, forms, tournament results, etc.

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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 1st team, 2nd team, 3rd team and honorable mention.

1ST 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 1st 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 1st in WIAA Division 1 State Meet. Lost in playoff to Whitefish

Bay's

Jack Schultz. 1st 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 7th 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 4th in WIAA Division 2 State Meet. Placed 1st 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 7th in WIAA Division State Meet. Average 37.75 per nine holes.
1st 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.

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

Meet.

Averaged 36.82 per nine holes.

2ND 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

3RD 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 1st 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

WHSGCA 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 2nd---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 2nd 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 2nd---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 2nd---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 1st) and concludes after the summer clinic (July 31st).* *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 2nd---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 2nd---19 Y---0 N

State Coaches Poll (Brian) - It was a great 1st 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 2nd---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 2nd---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 2nd---19 Y---0 N

All State (Chuck) - (See List)

Brian Motion---Anna 2nd---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 8th @ 8:30

Jerry Motion---Johnson 2nd---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 2nd---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 2nd---19 Y---0 N

Tony Motion---Brian 2nd---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 2nd 19 Y--0 N

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President's Message:

The summer went fast but I think this fall went even faster. The girls season is already behind us. I hope it was a good season for you and your team.

I am not sure why but it seems we (Golf Coaches Association) are always in a state of change. A few items in the works are;

- New Hall-of-fame plaques. We ran out of wall space at University Ridge for our Hall-of-Fame Plaques. We have redesigned a smaller plaques which will allow us to fit more in the same amount of space. We are now set for several years. Please view our display when at U-Ridge.
- Forms on the Web Site. Tony Prichard has been revising our forms to make your job easier. Our All-State form is done. Hopefully the girl coaches had a positive experience with the new on-line submitting process. The other forms will be completed shortly.
- Our Coach Approach obviously is now created and sent out via e-mail. This also has taken some time to learn the process. If you received this, we obviously have your correct e-mail address. If a fellow coach did register this year and did not receive this edition of the coach approach, have them contact Mark Johnson (membership chair) or myself with the correct information.
- Oct. 24 will be our WIAA Golf Coaches Rules Advisory meeting. Gary Swanson of Northwestern, Darren Simms of Onalaska, Jerry Allen of Stanley-Boyd, Brian Winquist of Pacelli, Tom Cabalka of Middleton and myself will

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meet with Tom Shafranski to discuss WIAA rules and policies as they pertain to golf. The topics talked about at our Summer Clinic will be discussed as will others if brought to our attention. Contact any of the listed coaches if you have a topic that should be discussed. The main items on my agenda are:

- Coaching on the course - make the same policy presently used for non-varsity used for all levels. All our athletes need assistance from time to time. Let us coach as coaches in other sports are allowed to.
 - Practice round at Regional's site without a loss of school time. Many of us are required to play on courses that we do not normally compete on. This is a huge disadvantage. Let the coaches do their job by taking the team to the site. Why have the students go unsupervised?
 - Advancement of an additional team from Regional to Sectional in Division II & III.
- Our association's By-Laws have not been updated in years. We are working on making our present actions consistent with our what our By-Laws state.

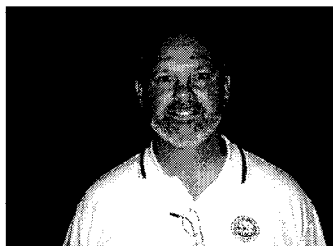
We are excited about our Spring & Summer Clinic. We will be at the State Fair Grounds for the Spring Clinic on March 8.. The Summer Clinic will be at Northern Bay on June 24. The forms for both are included in this Coach Approach and also available on the web site (www.whsgca.com). Please make plans to attend both.

If you have any nominations for the Friend of Golf Award, PGA Friend, or Hall of Fame, please go to the web site for the forms. Please be detailed with your nomination. Our expectations for a Hall of Fame member is that they do more than just their job. Coaching golf for 30 years is not enough. Please give us as much detail as possible. Letters of recommendation from athletic directors, administrators, parents, or former students are recommended.

Enjoy your fall and winter.

Swing well,

John



WIAA Rule Issues from Tom Shafranski

Below you find a number of situations and interpretations that have come my way since the start of the school year. I hope the explanations provided will provide assistance to coaches understanding of WIAA and USGA regulations. If I can be of assistance, please feel free to call me at (715) 344-8580 or via email at tshafranski@wiaawi.org.

All the best to each and every school golf program during the 2007-08 school year.

QUESTION: Can a player start practice without turning in a WIAA physical form?

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Article VII-Health and Behavior, Section 1-Physical Examination, page 39, A student may not practice for or participate in interscholastic athletics until the school has written evidence on file in its office attesting to (a) parental permission each school year and (b) current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician or Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) no less than every other school year with April 1 the earliest date of examination. School policy determines when an athlete may return to competition following an injury, except where rulebook or WIAA tournament policies apply.

Note: It is recommended that a student also have dental fitness attested by a licensed dentist.

--Physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and following school year.

QUESTION: I am the new girls golf coach at my High School. I've been informed that we will be in the AAA Sectional and the BBB Regional. Some parents have asked me if I know what courses will be used for these particular Sectionals/Regionals. I was unable to find that on the web site. Is that information available or is there someone I could contact to obtain that information?

Also, there is a question about playing outside tournaments/events. If a girl is participating in outside tournaments, it is my reading of the rules that she cannot practice with the team while she is doing this. It is also my understanding that she must "report" to the team by the time of the first scheduled meet. Could I get a confirmation of my interpretation of this?

INTERPRETATION: You are correct that your school will be in the AAA Regional and the BBB Sectional. We have sent a request to each host school and will be posting the courses to be used and other information once we receive this information on the WIAA website. As of this time, we have not received any information from either of these host schools.

Once receive, we will post it for you.

Regarding reporting to the school team and participation in non-school events, your interpretation is correct. In the fall, girl's golf participants may delay reporting to the team to participate in non-school competition. However, if they choose to do so, they may not practice with the team and must report prior to the first interscholastic meet.

QUESTION:

Optimist International annually sponsors a golf competition, with winners at the district level advancing to the international competition in Florida in July. Anyone meeting the age requirements is able to participate. A discussion at our last district conference centered around local clubs paying the entry fees for their local winners to participate at the district level. I believe Optimist International pays the expenses for the district winner to compete in Florida. The discussion I was hearing caused all kinds of red flags to appear, hence my question.

My understanding: If the only participation restriction is based on age, and local advertising is done throughout the community to attract golfers for a local contest, Optimist clubs would be able to pay the entry fees for their local winners to participate at the district level, without impacting eligibility. However, if only golfers from the local team are allowed to compete, or attempts are not made to attract non-high school team golfers, any outside compensation for advancing to the next level would rule the participant ineligible for the remainder of his or her high school term.

The key components are: legitimate attempts are made to attract non-high school golf team members, participation is voluntary, an elimination event is held (a person is not chosen at random), and the recipient of paid entry fees at the next level (the winner) has the same chance as anyone else to win. If, after all this is done only high school golf team members show up for the elimination event and the team's best golfer wins, there wouldn't be any eligibility problems because the attempts were made.

Is this correct?

INTERPRETATION:The plan/understanding you outline - would be far and away the 'safest' plan to follow - from the perspective of removing all possible amateur status concerns - at least in so far as they would apply/be interpreted with regards to 'access to opportunity'...

Part of amateur status 'interpretation' arises from looking at benefits and/or opportunities - and if an athlete has access above/beyond what is available to any/every student the potential for distress/distraction/allegation of violation are allowed a crack to

enter. It can get more involved then that...but the paragraph above is an accurate/honest response..

Thanks for asking..also thought III-C and F of attached might be helpful for you.

QUESTION: **We would like to have high school age golfers compete in our Native American summer tournaments. First, can they do so and second, can their entry fees be paid?**

INTERPRETATION: Yes, to both questions. Golfers can participate in non-school tournaments and competitions outside of the school golf season.

Entry fees for contests are considered to be expenses that can be provided to student-athletes and shall not be regarded as a violation. A fee for a camp or clinic is not allowed to be provided. For further information see WIAA Rules at a Glance.

QUESTION: **I have a girl golfer who would like to participate in her club championship. It is held in September, obviously right in the middle of our season. Can she compete?**

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Nonschool Participation regulations as found in the WIAA Sr. High School Handbook, Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, pg. 37, indicate that it is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in nonschool game, meet or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school.

A local club championship does not meet the criteria required for a waiver to be granted.

QUESTION: **Can girls participate in the junior club championship at our golf club after reporting to the school golf team?**

INTERPRETATION: No, once girls have reported or the first interscholastic meet of the girl's fall season is held, they are no longer eligible to participate in club championships or any non-school events. I encourage high school coaches to talk with local PGA professionals and other junior tournament organizers about scheduling their events prior to the start of the girl's school golf season.

QUESTION: **My daughter has been invited to the CCC tournament on August 9 and 10. We live in City DDD and she will be a sophomore at DDD HS. The first day of practice is August 7. Can she skip practice and go to the tournament and then report to practice after the tournament?**

INTERPRETATION: My first suggestion is for you and your daughter to meet with Coach DDD and Mr. DDD, A.D., so that everyone is in agreement

regarding your daughter's participation in this meet.

Next, it is possible a DDD H.S. interscholastic meet may be scheduled since the first day for a school meet will be Thursday, August 10. If one is scheduled, your daughter either needs to report to the team or the school will need to modify the girl's golf schedule--moving this meet to a date later in the season.

There is a WIAA regulation (page 37 of the WIAA Sr. High School Handbook) that allows girls in golf, tennis and swimming and diving to report to a school team after completing their nonschool competitions in the summer. This regulation does require that the girls do not attend practice until they have completed their nonschool competition and the girl(s) must report to the school team prior to the first interscholastic competition of the season.

QUESTION:

There is a girl's golf meet scheduled for Thursday, August 10. It is just a fun scramble format. Can she be excused from this meet without jeopardizing her eligibility? Is there a waiver available for her since she finished in the top five of last year's WIAA State Golf Championships?

INTERPRETATION:

No, girls must report to the school team prior to the first interscholastic competition identified on their school team's girl's golf schedule. Just because this event is a "fun" type of event in nature does not prevent it from being one of the 14 maximum meets scheduled for the 2006 girl's golf season.

Finishing in the top five of the previous year's WIAA State Golf Championships qualifies your daughter to be an exceptional athlete. However, a local invitational meet does not meet the criteria required for a waiver to be granted. Consequently, the WIAA is unable to approve of an exceptional athlete waiver for her to participate in this meet.

QUESTION:

I have a golfer who has played in this invite in the past. This year's event takes place during the first week of practice for girls' golf. Can she play in this event without losing her eligibility?

INTERPRETATION:

Yes, girls are able to compete in a non-school event during the first week of the golf season. However, they may not report to practice until after they have completed non-school competition and the non-school event must be prior to the first school meet of the season.

QUESTION:

I am writing to inquire if it is permissible for the XXX Golf Tournament to donate my son's winnings for 2nd place in C flight (\$50 in merchandise) to another organization, specifically, the YYY H.S. Golf Team?

INTERPRETATION:

No, Amateur Status regulations do not allow student-athletes to accept/receive or direct inappropriate gifts like gift certificates for merchandise. Ryan is not able to donate these funds to any organization.

QUESTION:

If a JV team is playing in an invite including varsity teams,

would they be subject to the varsity coaching rule or the JV coaching rule or should it be up to the discretion of the tournament director?

INTERPRETATION: In accordance with the WIAA Adaptation to USGA rules, letter j.-- coaching contact/instruction is only allowed during a JV competition. If a JV team were playing in a meet with varsity teams, this would not be considered to be a JV competition. Consequently, this adaptation allowing verbal and hand signals/advice does not apply. Coaching advice could still be provided following completion of each hole, prior to a player teeing off.

QUESTION: **Does the no-cut policy for co-op teams apply to golf only or to all other sports as well?**

INTERPRETATION: If a program has been approved as a co-op program, no matter what sport it is, there can be no cuts made. This WIAA regulation for co-op teams does apply to all sports.

QUESTION: **Our girls golf team co-ops with another school. We currently have 10 meets scheduled. One of our golfers is very good. Can she participate as an individual in some of the better school tournaments on her own?**

INTERPRETATION: There is no WIAA language that would prevent a school team competitor from participating in meet or tournament on their own, without teammates. So long as the school allowed it, the tournament host was willing, the team and the individual did not exceed their 14 meet maximum, a player could be allowed to compete as an individual.

QUESTION: **Can a golfer from my team be the person who hits drives during a fundraising scramble golf event where players will bet on how far he hits the ball?**

INTERPRETATION: No, a high school golfer with remaining eligibility is not allowed to participate in a betting event like this. This would jeopardize eligibility for the boy or girl involved based upon Amateur Status regulations. Organizers of such events should involve individuals who do not have any remaining eligibility. This might include alumni or individuals who have completed their high school eligibility and are recognized within their community.

QUESTION: **I have a girl who broke her ankle. She anticipates having the cast removed in approximately two weeks. Is she eligible for a waiver to use a motorized cart during the girl's golf season?**

INTERPRETATION: No, WIAA Fall and Spring Season Regulation 15., e. , indicates permission must be requested for using a riding cart for a permanent illness/disability.

QUESTION: **We have nine schools coming to an invitational. Seven of the schools are conference schools and two are non-conference schools. Can the seven schools play the front nine as a conference meet and then all nine schools play the 18 holes for the invitational?**

INTERPRETATION: Yes, you are referring to a meet within a meet. This type of format has not been denied by the WIAA for regular season golf competitions. As indicated in 15., a., of the Adaptations to USGA Rules, the host school or conference will determine the type of play (match, medal, or combination match-medal) governing competition.

QUESTION: **Can a high school golfer compete in the Wisconsin State Open during the summer period?**

INTERPRETATION: Yes, WIAA regulations do not prevent a high school golfer with remaining eligibility from competing in nonschool competitions during the summer and outside of the identified school golf season as found in the WIAA Season Regulations.

Please keep in mind that although high school golfers may compete in events like the Wisconsin State Open, they are not allowed to accept/receive such merchandise items as jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, equipment, balls, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, etc. regardless of their value. A student may receive an award which is symbolic (nonmerchandise) in nature such as trophies, medals, ribbons, event t-shirts, event hats, game balls, or other items of no intrinsic/utilitarian value.

QUESTION: **Can a course that is approximately 20 miles from our school be one of our three "home courses?"**

INTERPRETATION: If there is a question regarding the distance a designated "home course" can be from a school, golf coaches should contact their A.D. and have the A.D. contact Tom Shafranski at the WIAA office. Generally speaking, 20 miles has been used as the limit for schools to travel for practice/"home course" meets. Discussion with school administrators regarding courses that are further than 20 miles is very helpful when situations require travel to courses further than 20 miles.

Important Dates:

Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association Board Meetings		
November 3, 2007	WHSGCA Fall Board Meeting	Northern Bay
March 7, 2008	WHSGCA Spring Board Meeting	Thunder Bay
June 23, 2008	WHSGCA Summer Board Meeting	Northern Bay
WHSGCA Clinic Dates		
March 8, 2008	Spring Clinic	State Fair Park
June 24, 2008	Summer Clinic	Northern Bay
Other Important Dates		

October 24, 2007	WIAA Coaches Rules Advisory Meeting	Stevens Point
February 15, 2008	Friend of Golf Nominations due	
February 15, 2008	Hall of Fame Nominations due	
March 16, 2008	Girls Academic All-State Nominations due	
March 31, 2008	1 st Day of Boys Season	
May 15, 2008	Boys Academic All-State Nominations due	

Spring Clinic Registration Form

***Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association
2008 Spring Clinic***

***Saturday, March 8, 2008
Wisconsin State Fair Park
Milwaukee, WI***

7:30 - 8:30	Registration
8:30 - 8:45	John Lonergan - WWSGCA & WIAA Updates
8:45 - 10:00	TBA
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:30	TBA
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 2:30	WSGC Rules Power Point Presentation (this will satisfy the required WIAA Sports meeting)
2:30 - ????	Milwaukee Journal / Sentinel Golf Show

Registration Form

Name _____ School _____

School Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

School Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Your entry must include:

\$30.00 Fee (includes clinic fee, lunch, and entrance to golf show)
(Make checks payable to the Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association)

Send Registration by February 29th to: **Spring Golf Clinic**
C/O Mark Johnson

Summer Clinic Registration Form

Summer Clinic2008

The Wisconsin High School Golf Coach Association's 22nd Annual Summer Golf Meeting, Clinic and Tournament are going to be held on Tuesday, June 24th 2008. This year's clinic will be held at the beautiful Northern Bay Golf Course near Wisconsin Dells.

Northern Bay #3 pits you against the 16th at Augusta on Sunday to win the Masters. Northern Bay #10 will have you believing you are in Ponte Vedra, Florida standing on the tee of the famous island green at the TPC at Sawgrass; a Par 3, 146 yards, with nothing but water between you and the green. Just when you think you're home free, you step up to the 18th, the famous finishing hole at Arnie's course, the Bay Hill Club. This is probably the finest finishing hole in all of golf. This isn't a golf course you want to play... It's a golf course you NEED to play! www.northernbayresort.com

Entries to this event are limited to the first 120 members of the WHSGCA who complete and return this form by March 31, 2008. The summer clinic fills up quickly, so get your registration in today.

Registration Form

Name _____ School _____
Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Handicap or Average 18 Score _____

Cost: _____ **\$125.00 18 holes riding**

- Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin High School Golf Coach Association**
- ***You must have your association dues paid to Mark Johnson (membership chair) prior to registration***

Send Registration to: **Summer Golf Clinic** _____ player 1
C/O Garth Gerstenberger _____ player 2
N11181 Clear Lake Road. _____ player 3
Tomahawk, WI. 54487 _____ player 4

The 22nd Annual Wisconsin High School
Golf Coach Association
Meeting, Clinic and Tournament

Tuesday, June 24th 2008

Northern Bay

Program

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 11:00	Annual Meeting
11:00 - 12:00	PGA Clinic
12:00 - 12:45	Box Lunch and Range Balls
12:45 - shotgun	Golf Tournament

Entry Fee

\$125.00 18 holes with cart included.

Includes: clinic, welcome gift, breakfast, lunch, 18 holes, and event prizes.

Reservations

Entries to this event are limited to the first 120 active members of the WWSGCA who complete and return the entry blank with payment on or before March 31st.

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