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## President's Message:

This is the time of year when things get rather crazy for those of us coaching boy's golf. The weather usually forces us to reschedule matches and this year is no different. This year, we also have to deal with school closings due to the flu bug. This requires more rescheduling. We will get through it but it is making for a lot of matches during the last few weeks of the season. Good luck to all in the WIAA tournament series coming up soon.

It has been a good year so far for Wisconsin golfers on the PGA tour. Mark Wilson and Jerry Kelly have both won tournaments and Steve Stricker is doing well too. Which of our present high school golfers will play on tour? It could be one of your athletes!

Our Summer Clinic is not too far off - June 23. We will again be at Northern Bay (just north of Wisconsin Dells). It is a fun course to play. If you have not registered, it is not too late. Find the registration form on our web site. We will be honoring Bill Ehren who coached at Luxemburg-Casco High School for 38 years. He will be our newest member of our Hall of Fame. We also will honor Tom Shafranski of the WIAA as our "Friend of Golf." I have included a short bio on each included in this issue of the Coach Approach.

Our board has added two new members. They are Dave

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Taebel who coaches boys and girls golf at Stoughton High School and Tonya Gnewikow who coaches girl's golf at Tomah High School. I have included more information about each of them also in this issue. We are confident they will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the board. I would also encourage any association member who has an interest in joining the board to contact myself or any other board member. We attempt to have all areas of the state represented. We also look for coaches from all Divisions as well as coaches who coach girls and boys. We normally have about 20 board members. When we have a board member step down, we like to have replacements ready to go.

### **A few deadlines to remember!**

Get your Academic All State nomination forms in by the May 15 deadline. Go to the web site for the form. The form will explain the qualifications. Honor your deserving student athletes.

You will also need to nominate your athletes for All State (playing) honors. The form must be submitted electronically by Friday, June 12. The coach must be a member to nominate your player.

Once again, finish the season strong. I hope to see you at the state tournament and at the summer clinic.

Take care,  
 John

## **Meet our new Board Members:**

### **Tonya Gnewikow from Tomah High School**

My name is Tonya Gnewikow. I have coached the Tomah Girls Golf team the last 3 seasons. I have taught Physical Education in the Tomah Area School District for the past 13 years. I live in Warrens with my husband Michael and our 4 sons Damon,12; Trey,9; and twins Kale and Kade,6 years old. We all enjoy playing golf together on Sundays and the two older have played in our local TRGA junior outings. We love the time we can spend together on the course and as I tell my sons and my girls golf team(the daughters I never had) Drive for show Putt for dough.

### **Dave Taebel from Stoughton High School**

Originally from LaCrosse (LaCrosse Central - class of '88). I got my undergraduate degree from UW - Madison in 1993 and my Master's Degree from UW - Madison in 2008. I am married and have three kids ages 3, 8 and 10. I am currently in my 16th year of teaching at Stoughton High School where I teach Biology and Human Anatomy/Physiology. I am currently in my 6th year as the head boys coach (assistant coach for 7 years prior to that). I will begin my 10th year as the head coach of the girls' program in the fall. We co-host the Viking/Spartan Invite with McFarland (37 years running) during the boys season as well as a event for the girls in the fall. In addition, we are going to implement a match play style event for the girls this fall modeled after the Ryder Cup for which I will serve as tournament manager. My summers are spent running our junior golf program at the course where we have a junior league combined with junior clinics. I have also coached basketball and tennis at Stoughton High school. Currently, my basketball coaching now is focused on my daughters' teams.

## WHSGCA Awards

### **Bill Ehren - 2009 WHSGCA Hall of Fame Inductee!**

Bill Ehren coached at Luxemburg-Casco for 38 years. Bill's teams have won numerous conference & regional championships. He has had both his girl and boy teams compete at the state tournament along with several individual qualifiers.

Bill was instrumental in establishing the Evans program at Northbrook Golf Club. 31 Luxemburg-Casco students have become Evans scholars thanks to Bill.

Bill has hosted many WIAA regional and sectional tournaments as well as the Spartan Quadrangular.

Bill has been a leader not only with his athletes but also a leader for fellow. Many young coaches in the area have felt Bill was their mentor - even though they competed against one another. Bill has a love of the game!

### **Tom Shafranski our 2009 Friend of Golf Inductee!**

Tom Shafranski has served as Assistant Director at the WIAA for the past seven years and has been responsible for all golf related issues during that time. Tom has been a leader for our association. With his direction, our sport of high school golf has improved.

The relationship between the WHSGCA and the WIAA has become very special. If there has been a way to improve the growth, administration, rule issue or competitive opportunities for golf, Tom has made every effort to make it happen.

Several issues have improved high school golf in the past seven years. They include an increased number of boy and girl teams offering golf, girls golf now has two divisions, coaches are now allowed to coach on the course, improved pace of play regulations, increase in qualifiers at the sectional tournaments, electronic scorecards for the WIAA tournaments, real-time scoring at the state meet and we will have an increase of contest for our season.

The Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association would like to honor Tom Shafranski as our "Friend of Golf."

## WHSGCA Spring Board Meeting Minutes

### Spring Board Meeting

March 13th, Trappers Turn Golf Course

1. Meeting called to order by President Lonergan.
2. Fall Board Meeting Minute Approved. Motion - Carlson / Second - Mand
3. New board member Dave Taebel from Stoughton. Members present - Barrett, Lonergan, Pritchardt, Geirhardt, Menzel, Gerstenberger, Lehninger, Prickette, Allen, Blake, Mand, Sullivan, Johnson, Taebel, Carlson and Kyes.
4. Treasure Report - Andrea still in Arizona, 2008-09 budget presented and checking balance presented. Andrea is still working on a tax ID #. Check's for miles/hotels were approved. Motion to approve - Mand / 2nd Menzel
5. Membership Report - 200 Members to this date, Taebel, Carlson & Johnson will work together to build numbers and add benefit for members. We will invoice AD's for the 2009-10 membership year. Carlson will be looking into courses willing to give WGCA member's discount's on golf. Updates list will be sent to Tony for the website. Motion to approve - Garth / 2nd Kyes
6. Web-Site Report - Impact sports will be a sponsor for \$1000.00. Academic all-state form will be updated. Tony will check to see what it will cost to have it work like the boys and girls all-state forms. Academic form will have the fax # changed to a email address. Constant contact is available for all members to use to send out info to all coaches. Motion to approve - Mand / 2nd Taebel
7. Awards Report - Jerry will coordinate plaques with the approval of the awards by the board. Motion to approve - Carlson / 2nd Mand
8. Spring Clinic - Clinic does not give credit points for PGA members. The clinic will be changed to the Spring Seminar. 60 coaches pre-registered for the clinic. There will be a suggestions form for all coaches to fill out for future Spring Seminars. Jason Manke - PGA will be the guest speaker. Motion to approve - Carlson / 2nd Mand
9. Summer Clinic - 35 registered for Northern Bay to this point looking for 100. Board member will only be compensated for Monday night rooms. All guest must pay for their rooms prior to the clinic. Members will email rooms pairings to Mark Johnson. Motion to approve report for 2009 clinic - Carlson / 2nd Sullivan Motion by Carlson to hold 2010 Summer Clinic at Timber Ridge / 2nd Taebel - Motion passed 16 / 1 Scrobel voted no via phone. 2011 will be held in the southern part of the state.
10. WIAA - New regulations, Board ask for meets to be increased from 14 to 16. WIAA board of controls voted no, but approved an amended bill to increase to 15 events with one being held on a Saturday. This will go into effect in Fall of 2010. The board also asked for WIAA to approve 4 qualifiers from regionals to sectionals. WIAA board of controls approved this to start in Fall of 2009. John sent a letter to AD's about coach's playing during an event. Some coach's and AD's did reply. Motion to approve - Taebel / 2nd Carlson
11. Coach Approach - John does a great job with this.
12. Hall of Fame - Bill Ehren nominated, Allen motion to approve Bill to Hall / 2nd Menzel, elected

by the board to the Hall of Fame.

13. Friend of Golf - South Hills and Rolling Meadows nominated. No forms filled out, so Mand will contact and let them know to resubmit for next year with completed forms. Motion - Garth / 2nd Carlson. Tom Shafranski nominated by Lonergan - motion to approve - Barrett / 2nd Kyes, board approved Tom to be a friend of golf.

14. Other - Carlson will work on a Membership/School scramble to coincide with the Fall board meeting. Date for Fall board meeting October 24th. Motion to leave - Sullivan / 2nd Carlson

## Hole in One

Austin Kammer of Tomahawk had a hole-in-one on the 140 yard 10th hole at Inshalla CC. The ace happened during the Hatchet Invite on April 28.

## Lou Warobick's Junior Golf Foundation Scholarship Form

### *Lou Warobick's Junior Golf Foundation Sportsman Scholarship*

#### Eligibility and Information

## A one time \$1500 Scholarship

#### **Current Graduation Senior Male**

(nominees accepted in spring and submitted by July 1st.)

#### **Current Graduating Senior Female**

(nominees accepted after girl's golf season and submitted by July 1st.)

Nominees must attend college the fall after their high school graduation.

The main emphasis is on sportsmanship, contributions to their school, community and team spirit - **Not golfing accomplishments / ability.**

Nominating coaches, golf professionals and officials do not need to represent the same high school as their nominee.

#### Nomination Form

### *Lou Warobick's Junior Golf Foundation Sportsmanship Scholarship*

Nominee Name:

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(high school graduating senior)

Graduating High School:

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Nominee's University/College in the fall:

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Nominee's

Address:

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**Nominating**

Coach/Official/Pro:

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Address:

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Phone:

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Email:

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School or Organization representing:

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Coach/Official/Pro's statement on why nominee should be considered for this Sportsmanship Scholarship:

Please send form to:

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Questions or concerns, please contact one of the board members listed above.

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