



# The Coach Approach

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## From the Clubhouse:

The new golf season presents challenges and opportunities. The 2002 boys and girls golf season is finally underway despite the unusually difficult weather conditions we have all experienced this spring. Golf in Wisconsin goes on and we continue to develop top notch golfers in our

state, a real tribute to all our golf coaches who deal with the short challenging season. We as coaches develop a positive mind set and practice regime based on sound fundamentals for our players, as we develop our student athletes with all levels of ability, understanding that our high school players are our future at the local, regional, state and for some, the national level. Whether your program is 15 students or 90, we must all be teachers, motivators, disciplinarians, coordinators and organizers. Hold your head high because we as coaches make a significant impression on our young men that we work with each spring, helping to mold them for the future.

As we enter the invitational season, would the tournament managers please forward your tournament results so that they may be published in the Coach Approach. Also, if you have any pertinent information, tips or relevant stories, please send them to Kaz c/o the Coach Approach at

the address on the newsletter.

The Spring Clinic was again well attended even though much of the state was experiencing a serious ice storm. Thanks to Marybeth Nienhaus for her excellent organization and coordination of the clinic and much thanks to Martha Nause, LPGA, for providing us with invaluable insight and information. The quality of our speakers at the Spring Clinic has been exceptional over the years and it is our goal to continue that trend.

The Board of Directors is looking for 3 new board members. As current board members retire, vacancies emerge, so please consider offering your time and expertise to our board.

The board has 3 meetings annually, a February, June and November meeting, along with the Summer Clinic and Tournament, and the Spring Clinic in March. We need some new blood, ideas and energy, so please seriously consider a board position and help to formulate the future of High School Golf in Wisconsin. Anyone interested can contact any current board member, the Coach Approach, or myself by mid June as we would like to have the positions filled by the June Executive meeting and the Annual meeting.

I hope you all experience success this golf season. Stay focused, controlled, positive and visualize the optimum result. Remember to pass down to your players a respect for the game and each other.

Good luck.

Dave Blake, President

## Boys All State Forms -

Playing and Academic inside.

Be Sure to Nominate your deserving players!

## Summer Clinic and Tournament

WHSGCA Annual Meeting, Summer Clinic and Tournament at the beautiful Abbey Springs Golf Club and resort on beautiful Geneva Lake in the southern part of the state.

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# The Practice Tee

## Watch Those Feet

A golf swing is properly developed from the ground up. So let's begin with the feet and the role they correctly play in the game. In addition, let's examine some of the faults that you as the golf coach can look for and correct. For the sake of simplicity, we will assume the golfer is right handed.

At the setup position, make sure your players have the majority of the weight on the balls of their feet. If you notice that you have golfers that set up with their weight on the heels, it is because they subconsciously feel too close to the ball so they are leaning back to give themselves more room to swing. Have them back up a couple inches from the ball, lean forward towards the ball to properly set the spine angle, then "crack" their knees to lower their center of gravity. They should be able to sense their weight on the balls of their feet. Often times, players who begin the swing with their weight on the heels will subconsciously move the weight towards their toes during the back swing resulting in an off balance motion and poorly struck shots. Remember, weight on the balls of the feet, with the arms hanging straight down in a relaxed position. This will enable your players to begin the swing in a proper manner.

During the entire swing, young players must keep the full length of their left foot in contact with the ground. No, the left heel should not be lifted during the back swing, unless the golfer is more than 45 years old or suffers from a congenital defect in his back, shoulder area or legs. Young high school players must be flexible enough to maintain left foot contact with the ground throughout the swing. If you have a golfer who lifts their left foot on the back swing, they will move off the ball (i.e. slide their head or entire body to the right) putting themselves into a position further behind the ball and

necessitating a corresponding slide left on the forward swing in order to strike the ball. Nobody is good enough to consistently do that! The resulting shots will be fat or thin and with a great loss of distance. Keeping the left foot in contact with the turf forces the lower body to remain in a much more stable position throughout the swing. This will result in solid ball striking and a big increase in distance.

During the back swing it is imperative in the modern golf swing that the lower body move as little as possible so as to create more torque. This results in greater distances. One young man I work with from an area high school doesn't move his belt buckle during the back swing. That is a product of flexibility work in addition to developing proper swing mechanics. He can hit the golf ball long distances with a seemingly easy swing. Now, not everybody is that flexible, but the closer your players can come to this ideal, the better and more consistent they will strike the ball. One of the ways to stabilize that lower body is to keep both feet firmly anchored to the turf during the back swing.

A major problem among youngsters who over-swing or among most players of any age early in the season is to put their weight into their left toes during the forward swing. On the first day of the high school golf season (we work indoors, hitting into a big net) I begin by checking their grip and then looking for proper weight transfer into the left heel during the forward swing. Invariably at least 75% of my players will be putting their weight into their left toes during the forward swing. They will wind up losing their balance because they properly pivot their right foot and thus end up with weight on both toes. They look like ballerinas on their tippy toes. The golf swing is much too athletic for that move to succeed. As a coach you can easily see if your golfers are lifting their left heel off the ground during the back swing or when they are coming into the impact position. Make them keep that left foot down. Get down on your knees and hold the left foot down if you have to! (No you won't get hit!) These players must feel what it is like to keep their left foot down flat during the swing. Only at the end of

the follow through can a player roll his / her weight onto the outside of the left ball and heel of the foot.

The right foot also plays a pivotal role during the swing. During the back swing, weight must be transferred from the balls of the feet into the heel of the right foot. Once the back swing has been completed, the weight should be shifted into the heel and outside of the left foot. In order to accomplish this task, it will be necessary to lift the right heel on the forward swing and pivot the foot 90° towards the target. At the completion of the swinging motion, about 98% of the player's weight will finish on the left foot with the right foot in a vertical position, shoe laces facing the target and only the toe of the right shoe making contact with the ground. Where it can get tricky for a swing teacher is the timing of the right foot beginning to leave the ground and pivot toward the target. Generally, it is better, when swinging the short or middle irons, if the player keeps that foot planted until impact with the ball. However, it takes a certain level of flexibility to accomplish this task. Usually, in the long irons and woods it is permissible for the right foot to begin leaving the ground before ball impact provided the golfer does not lunge or move forward toward the target prior to striking the ball.

In summary, if you will encourage your players to begin the swing with their weight on the balls of their feet and to swing the club back keeping both feet flat on the ground, they will be in a relatively good position, at the top of the back swing, to properly begin the forward swing. On the forward swing the left foot must remain grounded while the heel of the right foot is lifted so the right knee can drive through towards the target helping to create the necessary club-head speed for a long ball flight. Here the use of a video camera and reliance on slow motion replay can really help you see potential problems. Keep in mind that during the forward swing, the player's weight must move into their heel and ball of the foot, not their toes, if they expect to maintain balance and hit solid, straight shots. Helping your players with these fundamentals will help insure a long and happy golf experience.



# The First Tee

## Why?

I ask myself why? Why do I see things associated with high school golf that puzzle me? For example, it is well known that athletes warm-up prior to competition in order to get the blood flowing to the muscles so they can move and stretch properly. (Flexibility is extremely important in golf) Proper warm-up allows the athlete to use his/her body to the best of their ability. Why then, on a day when the temperature is 45-50 degrees and the wind is blowing about 20 miles per hour, do I see kids wearing shorts and a short-sleeved shirt on the golf course? Why doesn't their coach employ a little common sense and require them to put on proper clothing in order to keep those muscles as warm as is possible. All of us should understand that muscles tighten and shorten, as they get colder. Under those conditions the swing will negatively change, preventing athletes from performing at their maximum proficiency. Is the coach not aware of the importance of keeping the muscles warm, or does he/she just not care?

Why do some high school players not take care of the golf course? Why do they fail to fix ball marks and replace divots? On the professional tours, no player would ever leave behind a ball mark on a green. No self-respecting caddie would walk past a divot his player had removed without replacing it. Why don't all of our high school players emulate the touring professional's care for the course? Are they just too lazy, or did their coach not inform them of proper etiquette?

Why do some high school players insist on hitting their pitching wedge, sand wedge or lob wedge on days when the wind is blowing 20 miles per hour or more? Ask your players under which conditions do touring professionals have their greatest difficulty? Windy condi-

tions of course, because they don't have total control over their golf ball. Why then hit high shots under those conditions? Wisconsin is the second windiest state in the nation. It seems to blow hard every day in the spring and except for three weeks in August, it picks up again by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Since our players confront windy playing conditions almost every day, why not teach them to hit a knock down 9 iron or 8 iron and keep the ball out of the wind.

Most high school players are constantly short of the flagstick. Tell them that no ball can ever go into the hole unless it gets up to the hole. A simple truth, but one that many high school players have never contemplated. Before selecting a club for their next shot, they should factor in the distance to the flagstick, wind direction and velocity, temperature, and lie of the ball. In addition, they must have an correct assessment of how far they can realistically hit each club in their bag. Only then can they select the proper club for the shot! This process should help them hit shots much closer to their target.

Good luck this season trying to have your players remedy the above problems.

## A Report On Some New Equipment

Just conducted a field test using the Maxfli A10 and Noodle golf balls. I sure can understand why the Augusta National competition committee decided to move a number of tees back! Wow, do these balls fly! Between the two, I would say that the A10 might stop a bit more quickly on the greens, but not by much. Driving distance and iron play distance were identical. Although, the Noodle seemed to hang in the air forever!

There was not much difference between either of these balls and the Titleist Pro V 1. I really like the feel of all three golf balls. The Titleist might stop a few inches quicker than the A10 and Noodle, but the distances of all three balls was about the same. Take stock of your game. Are you usually short of the flagstick on your approach shots? Then the Noodle will get you a foot or so closer.

All three feel much softer than the Pinnacle or Top-Flite. So what then is the real difference between these golf balls?

The real difference is the price. Since they all travel about the same distance, and they all stop relatively quickly on the greens, they should cost you about the same price, but they don't. While the Titleist Pro V 1 commonly sells for between \$45.00 and \$50.00 per dozen, the Maxfli A10 sells for under \$40.00 per dozen. But the real deal is the Maxfli Noodle. It sells for under \$20.00 per dozen! This is like going back to the late 1960's or early 1970's. A dozen top of the line balls that fly forever and feel soft off the club for \$1.67 a ball.

My suggestion? Get some money together and buy as many dozen as you possibly can. Maxfli Co. is going to soon realize just what an incredible deal these balls are and is bound to raise prices. Try a dozen or two. You owe it to yourself. You will love this golf ball. And, if you loose one? So what! You aren't out \$4.00 a ball. You don't need to spend 10 minutes looking for a lost ball because the cost of the ball is more than a fast food lunch. You are only out a large soda. Maybe if everybody used the Noodle, play could speed up considerably across the country.

If you play to a 5 handicap or less, or if you regularly drive the ball in excess of 250 yards, then the A10 or Pro V1 might be for you. If you don't fall into either of the aforementioned categories, the Noodle might very well be your cup of tea. How about sharing your ideas with the "Coach Approach?"

The hottest new driver seems to be the Cleveland Launcher. Although I can't afford the \$499.99 price tag, several players who have purchased one say they have gained up to 20 additional yards off the tee. Make sure you test-drive this or any new club to determine which shaft and degree of loft will optimize your launch angle. The club should also maintain or improve your degree of accuracy. Seems from all reports so far the Launcher should fill the bill in all areas. Again, if you purchase this or any new club or clubs and feel strongly about its benefits, please won't you share the information with your fellow coaches by contacting the "Coach Approach" with your feelings. We would love to hear from you!

# At the Turn

## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The Bridges Golf Center

Madison, WI

February 23, 2002

1. President Dave Blake called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Members present included Dave Blake, Bill Berkholtz, Tom Conrad, Kaz, Joe Harlow, Bob Lehniger, John Lonergan, Chuck Menzel, Mary Beth Nienhaus, Roger Prickette, and Mark Recicz.

The question of board membership and ability to attend meetings was discussed. It was mentioned that we have an older board and we will need to recruit younger members more aggressively. Sandy Johnson was nominated in place of Kevin Kravick. Sandy is from River Falls.

Current members were polled and it was found that Ted Devine, Joe Harlow, and Tom Conrad all will be leaving within the next calendar year. In addition, Joe Meloy will be taken off the board roll due to lack of men's golf in colleges around the state. Also Mike Sobotta has not attended many meetings.

Discussion also centered around the need for a new publicity representative. Consensus was that John Lonergan and Bob Lehniger would constitute a liaison to the media committee. The board concluded that we will solicit potential board members on the evaluation sheet at the Spring Clinic.

2. The November minutes were unanimously approved. (Lehniger/Nienhaus)

3. Treasury report has \$8100.00 in checking along with some savings. Discussion centered on the need for periodic, itemized public reports of income/expenditures to establish a precedent for the incoming treasurer after TJ retires. The board unanimously passed a motion that calls for the treasurer to pro-

vide an annual itemized statement at the February meeting. (Prickette/Lonergan)

4. Membership report from Joe Harlow- Each board member received new membership lists. WSHGCA membership currently stands at 280. That number usually increases to 300 or more by the clinics. Joe suggested that coaches should encourage their assistants and any new coaches in their conferences to join the association. Discussion centered on the process for sending the Coach Approach to AD's or even to the WIAA office.

There is a need for replacements for the following Board positions in the near future: Membership Chairperson, District 2 Representative, and Summer Clinic Chair.

5. Nominations for the Hall of Fame were discussed. Ted Devine was approved at the last meeting. Linda Mills from Onalaska was nominated by Richard Keyes, the head boys coach from Onalaska. Ms. Mills has served as the head girls coach for 25 years and as head boys coach for 5 years. The nomination pointed out the many fine, dedicated, professional qualities of the nominee. It was stated that Linda was endlessly dedicated and hardworking. Linda Mills nomination was approved unanimously.

Al Yates was nominated for the PGA Friend of Golf award by Tom Conrad. Mr. Yates has been involved with junior golf for over 30 years. He has put on numerous clinics and brought in instructors to help the kids. In addition, he has started a caddie program in the Wausau area that has helped many young people.

Tom also nominated the Wausau CC as the Friend of Golf recipient. It was moved and seconded that both Al Yates and the Wausau CC receive these awards (Lehniger/Kaz). Unanimous passage.

Other nominations will be dealt with in the Spring and Summer Clinics.

6. Roger Prickette discussed the Association raffle news. Roger reminded the board that all coaches attending the Spring and Summer Clinics would receive 5 free raffle tickets and that others could be purchased. There

would be approximately \$500.00 worth of prizes given away at the Spring Clinic and more at the Summer Clinic. The purpose of the raffle is to reward coaches for attendance at Association affairs. Tickets not drawn at the Spring Clinic will be carried over to the Summer Clinic.

7. Mary Beth reported that Martha Nause was well prepared for the Spring Clinic presentation. Her credentials are impeccable and it should be an excellent presentation. Kaz suggested that we ask her what it takes to get kids to the "next level?"

In addition, the WSGA reported that they will be honored to put on the rules seminar. To quote- "The WSGA applauds the WSHGCA for its efforts in bringing competitive golf to many juniors that may not otherwise have a chance to achieve that experience. Keep up the good work!"

8. Tom Conrad reported on the Summer Clinic. It will take place on June 18, 2002 at Abbey Springs GC. If last year's experiences are repeated, it will be an overwhelming success.

After much discussion, a motion (Lehniger/Kaz) was made and seconded to hold the next clinic at Hayward CC, to be reevaluated for the following year. That motion passed unanimously.

9. Dave Blake reported that the welcome gift for the Summer Clinic is very impressive and will be commensurate with the value of the gift given last year.

10. Dave Blake presented the WIAA Rules Advisory Committee report. There were four main issues that related to golf. First, the idea of a scrimmage above and beyond the current schedule. Committee denied it. Second, The issue of slogans on competitive attire was brought up. No action- it was thought that was a coaching decision. Third, the number of girls sectionals was increased from seven to eight, effective next year. Also, those sectionals will be divided into five Div. 1 and three Div. 2 schools effective in 2003-04. The Board of Control has approved this action. A WIAA appointed ad hoc committee has recommended that coaches have no contact with their athletes during the summer except in



# The Scoreboard

## Lake Country Invitational

### Team Scores -

- 1, Arrowhead (Red) 321
- 2, West Allis Hale, 325
- 3, Arrowhead (White) 330
- 4, (tie) Racine St. Catherine's, Milw. Marquette 331
- 6, (tie) Waukesha West, Kenosha Tremper, Homestead 333
- 9, Mukwonago 335
- 10, Beaver Dam Wayland 337
- 11, Brookfield East 339
- 12, Sussex Hamilton, 340
- 13, Milw. Pius, 342
- 14, Catholic Memorial, 344
- 15, Mayville 348
- 16 (tie) Cedarburg, Kettle Moraine 349
- 18 (tie) Racine Case, Waupun 350
- 20, Oconomowoc 352
- 21, Janesville Craig 355
- 22, (tie) Brookfield Central, Hartford 360
- 24, Beaver Dam 361

- 25, (tie) Thomas More, Wauwatosa East, Wauwatosa West 363
- 28, Muskego 365
- 29, West Bend East 370
- 30, Waukesha North, 374
- 31, Waukesha South 382
- 32, West Bend West 387
- 33, Wisconsin Lutheran, 392
- 34, Menomonee Falls, 393
- 35, West Allis Central 397
- 36, New Berlin West 401
- 37, Watertown 415.

### Top individuals:

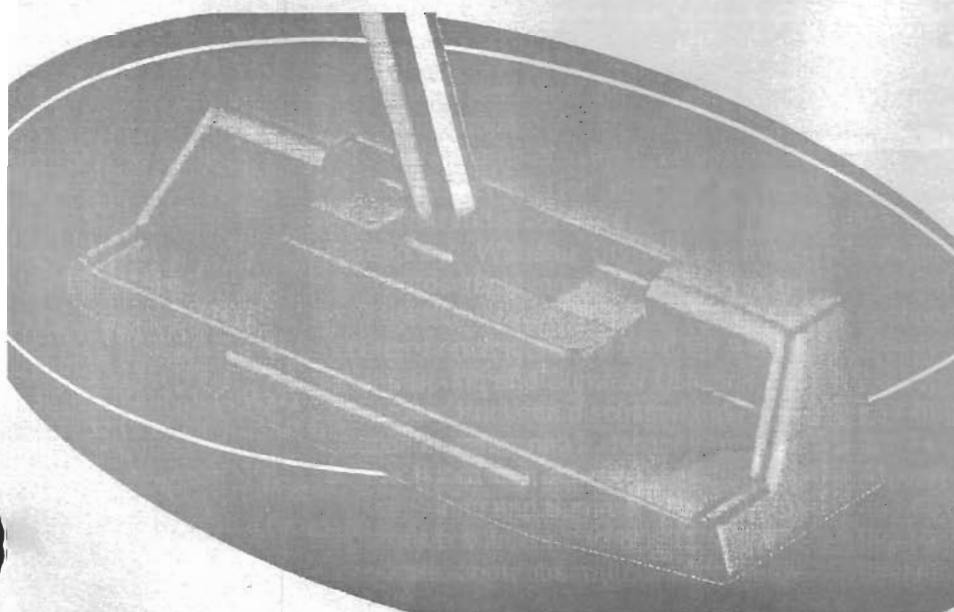
- 1, (won one-hole playoff) Mike Bielawski, WAH, 75

- 2, Mark Eldridge, MAR, 75
- 3, (tie) Ben Landowski, ARR (WH), Garrett Thompson, MUK, Scott Maupin, WW, 76
- 6, (tie) Drew Jones, JC, Adam Michalak, PIUS, Kyle Ulrickson, WW, 77
- 9 (tie) Mike Grossman, HART, Matt Oster, KT, 77.

### 25 Years of Coaching

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total years coaching golf \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present school address:  
 School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Principal \_\_\_\_\_

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**"The Rainbow ShootOut"**  
**Rainbow Springs Golf Club**  
**Thursday April 11, 2002**

**Scramble Event**

- 1 Dan O'Brian/Mike Dorrington Greendale 72
- 2 Mike Simons/Logan Merkwaes Muk B 74
- 3 Curtis Goeltge/Richie Singer Bradford 75
- 4 Ryan Andrews/Simone Vitale Wauk W 76
- 5 Alex Johnson/Joey Neuworth KM 75
- 6 Tyler Gustin/Jon Ferch Horlick 76
- 7 Chris Baggott/Kyle Harvey CMH 76
- 8 Cal Brandon/Nick Listwan Meno Falls 78
- 9 Pat Tully/Josh Malady Wauk North 79
- 10 Derrick Gilane/Joey Orthman SM 80
- 11 Luke Barthan/Matt Hill Wauk South 80
- 12 Al Richardson/Jason Huth Muk Gold 80

**Best Ball Event**

- 1 Kyle Ulrickson/Kevin Gams Wauk West 71
- 2nd Brian Kopinski/Ben Carriveau KM 77
- 3 Jim Garcia/Nick Dockter Muk Blue 78
- 4 Brian Relihan/Jared Hett S M 80
- 5 Steve Braun/Dave Kutil CMH 80
- 6 Elliott Retlaff/Nate Maxfield Bradford 81
- 7 Chris Thorpe/Marcus Smercek Wauk So 84
- 8 Mike Ford/Craig Signor Horlick 84
- 9 Sean Demski/Dan Maloney Muk Gold 84
- 10 Sam Drezdzon/Ben Roe Wauk No 86

- 11 Mike Martis/Tyler Goodwill Men Falls 88
- 12 Nick Zellmer/Pat Noggle Greendale 89

**Stroke Play**

- 1 Nate Chadwick SM 36 43 79
- 2 Garrett Thompson Muk 39 41 80
- 3 Lukas Mueller Bradford 41 41 82
- 4 Andy Foster K Moraine 39 43 82
- 5 Ryan Zikeli K Moraine 44 39 83
- 6 Jim Krause Meno Falls 39 44 83
- 7 Mike Duszynski S Milw 43 41 84
- 8 Brian Kopatich Greendale 41 43 84
- 9 Tim Baggott CMH 39 46 85
- 10 BJ Andrews Wauk West 42 44 86
- 11 Scott Maupin Wauk West 44 43 87
- 12 Mike Bohling Mukw 42 45 87
- 13 Matt Kurtis CMH 44 44 88
- 14 Jeff Fiandt Meno Falls 47 42 89
- 15 Jarod Ashworth Mukw 44 45 89
- 16 Travis Smither Bradford 44 46 90
- 17 Steve Mack Wauk South 44 49 93
- 18 Dave Hopkins Horlick 47 47 94
- 19 Josh Martin Greendale 46 49 95
- 20 Kris Allen Wauk North 48 48 96
- 21 Eric Krueger Mukwonago 48 50 98
- 22 Dan Biver Wauk North 57 55 112
- 23 Chris McDonnell Wauk So 59 54 113
- 24 Patrick Braun Horlick 54 59 113

**Team Results**

- 1 Kettle Moraine 318
- 2 Mukwonago Blue 319
- 3 Waukesha West 320
- 4 South Milwaukee 323
- 5 Kenosha Bradford 328
- 6 Catholic Memorial 329
- 7 Menomonee Falls 338
- 8 Greendale 340
- 9 Mukwonago Gold 351
- 10 Racine Horlick 367
- 11 Waukesha South 370
- 12 Waukesha North 373

**Nomination for Academic All-State**  
**WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION**  
**All-State Academic Nomination Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ WIAA Class 1/2/3 or WISAA?

Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (4 point Scale)

Percent of Matches Played: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above record is correct.

Principal (or Counselor) \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidelines for Nomination:**

1. Coach must be a member of the Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association.
2. Academic Nominations must be postmarked by **MAY 22ND Boys, MARCH 15TH Girls**. Nominees must meet the following:
  - a) a cumulative grade point average of at least **3.5** (on a four point scale)
  - b) Sophomore status or higher.
  - c) Participated in **75%** of the scheduled golf meets.
3. Forms should be sent to:

**Bill Berkholtz - S105 W20816 Valerie Drive - Muskego, WI 53150 - jberk@execpc.com**



# The Clubhouse

## Respect For The game

One of the truly unique aspects of the game of golf is its long history and tradition. Unlike a number of other sports which see constant change, golf is a game that holds its history dear to its heart. As golfers or golf coaches, we are mere caretakers of those traditions. It is up to us to insure that the past is not just remembered, but revered and continued!

Not only should we be knowledgeable of the legends of the past, such as Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, Sam Sneed, old Tom Morris, Walter Hagen, Arnold Palmer, Gene Sarazen, Chick Evans, etc., but also, we must learn to appreciate the rules and etiquette of the game. In addition, it is our duty, as coaches to pass on to our youngsters the importance of the past so they may better understand the true meaning of the game.

Historically, golf is a game played by ladies and gentlemen. It may have its old fashioned virtues, if you will, but that is what makes golf the truly unique game that it is. When we allow our young players to wear blue jeans on the course, we are not truly showing respect for the game. When we allow our players to abuse the golf course, what we are really doing is disrespecting the game. Golf is a game to be held in reverence. We must respect past players, whether they were great pros or fine high school players, by continuing the traditions this game was founded on.

As coaches we teach golfers to observe silence while another is playing his/her shot. We teach courtesy by making sure our players don't walk in a fellow competitor's putting line, or raking a bunker when finished playing from the hazard. We try to teach the rules of golf so all golfers are playing under the same conditions, but these are all part of the history of the game. So we are really teaching a respect for the game. In what other sport do we expect competitors to call

penalties on themselves? Our golfing forefathers believed in honesty and therefore expected each and every player to closely abide by the rules. Yes, mistakes can be made in golf, just as in life. But, if we are taught to take responsibility for our actions or inactions, we learn, remember and rarely make the same mistakes again. As it is in golf, so it is in life.

Teach your players to respect the game. It is then easy to respect themselves and their fellow competitors. Point out the importance of repairing ball marks on the green or replacing divots. We do not want our fellow competitors to suffer because of our failure to follow proper etiquette. Respect the course. Respect the rules. Respect proper etiquette. Respect our fellow competitors. Respect the games past. Respect those who have gone before us and paved the trail, making golf the game it is today. Respect the game!

## Boy's All-State playing nominations.

Just a quick reminder that the all-State playing team nominations must be post-marked the day after the state tournament. Make sure you fill in all the blanks or the selection committee MUST reject the nomination form. It is imperative that all competitions be indicated on the nomination form. If your player(s) did not play in a particular meet or tournament, please indicate this on the form. It is not necessary to indicate the state tournament finish, but all events through sectionals must be filled in.

The All-State selection committee takes its job very seriously. With representation from all parts of the state, one or more committee members usually know each player. We want to select the most deserving players. Help us by properly nominating your players in a timely fashion. It allows us to do our job in an unbiased manner. Thank You!

## Summer Clinic and Tournament

For the second year in a row, The Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association will conduct their

Annual Meeting, Summer Clinic and Tournament at the beautiful Abbey Springs Golf Club and resort on beautiful Geneva Lake in the southern part of the state. The most gracious PGA professional, Jack Shoger is our host. Last years event proved to be one of the finest we have ever had, and this year's event should be no exception. The event will be conducted on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that YOU will be able to attend this event. Remember that in addition, we will be raffling off many wonderful prizes, which only golf coaches can win. You will receive five free tickets upon your arrival. Additional tickets can be purchased if desired. See you on the 18<sup>th</sup>!

## Coaches Hall Of Fame

The Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association will be inducting two new members into its Coaches Hall of Fame at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

Linda Mills, long time girl's and boy's golf coach at Onalaska High School, and Ted Devine, long time boy's coach at Ashwaubenon High School have been nominated and unanimously accepted for this highest award. Each has had a long and distinguished career, achieving much success through the years. Both are among the most respected coaches in the state. It is with much honor that the W.H.S.G.C.A. announces their upcoming induction into the Coaches Hall Of Fame.

## 2002 Special Awards

Mr. Al Yates, long time PGA Golf Professional at Wausau Country Club and Wausau Country Club were recently named as the recipients of the Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association annual PGA Friend of High School Golf and Friend of High School Golf respectively. Both Mr. Yates and the Wausau C.C. have gone above and beyond the norm to befriend high school golfers for many years. It is with great honor that the W.H.S.G.C.A. names them as our award winners for 2002!

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**15th Annual Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association**  
**Golf Clinic, Tournament and Annual Meeting**

June 18, 2002

**Abbey Springs Golf Course, Lake Geneva**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Handicap or Average 18 Hole Score: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR ENTRY MUST INCLUDE:**

\$80 Fee (This includes a special welcome gift and 5 raffle tickets in addition to golf, cart, rolls and coffee, and lunch.)

(Make Checks payable to the Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association)

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY: June 5, 2002**

Send Registration to:

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10660 Dana Lane  
Schofield, WI 54476

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