

I hope all of you had a great end to your summer and beginning to another school year, and for those of you that are teachers you are going back refreshed and ready for the school year. We have had some changes in High School golf over past few years and my hope is that High School golf goes smoothly and improves as time goes on for all of us. The golf coaches advisory board works for you and so if you have suggestions let me know, I took over the president job last winter, and the board will work to improve where we can. Members on the board are listed on our golf coaches website, we are in need of new members, if interested please contact one of the board. I have a list of idea's from this past season, that the board will discuss this fall and take to the Minnesota High School League, and Dave Stead.

A special thank you goes out to Steve Heslop who continues handling the academic awards, Brian Johnson and Barry Wallin for doing the season ratings. Also, special thanks to the coaches who handle the golf banquets at the three State tournaments: Rich Aulie Class A, Mike Frankenfield Class AA, Tim Kallevig Class AAA.

Reminder to coaches, in order for your players to make academic all-state or make all-state as an individual or team, their coach has to be a member of the golf coaches association. Hope you and all coaches you know join the association, other advantages of a yearly membership, 1 million dollar liability insurance, on the field and classroom, free entry to High School and college events, deals on hotels, etc. So remember to JOIN THE ASSOCIATION EARLY in the school year to use the yearly benefits.

Congratulations to all 2013 State Champions, teams were Girls A-Legacy Christian Academy and coach Dan Nelson, Boys A-Mille Lacs and coach Gary Boser, Girls AA-Detroit Lakes and coach Cali Harrier, Boys AA-Staples-Motley and coach Glen Hasselberg, Girls AAA Edina and coach Mark Harelstad, Boys AAA Eden Prairie and Ty Armstrong.

GOLF CARD, team fundraiser from Birdie Marketing is being made for 2014, coming in late November. This has been a great fundraiser for many schools and is available to all schools. Birdie Marketing gives back \$4000 to our association, so if your program sells 25 cards or more, they are in an annual drawing for one of 8 \$500 bonus checks. A email was sent to all registered association golf coaches, and there is a link on our golf coaches website with all information you might need.

2013 Coach of the year results: Congratulations to all winners, you will receive your invite for Fall Coaches Association Awards Banquet where you will be honored and receive your award. A-Boys: Kimberly DeLong-Murray County Central, A-Girls: Jerry Dahlen-Wabasha-Kellogg. AA-Boys: Glen Hasselberg-Staples-Motley, AA-Girls: Cali Harrier-Detroit Lakes, AAA-Boys: John Buck-Forest Lake, AAA-Girls: Mark Harelstad-Edina.

Keep in touch and get back to me if you have questions, concerns or thoughts for the upcoming season. As we get older the seasons fly by and in no time we will be getting ready for another High School golf season, but lets first enjoy the fall where we usually get some great golf weather. Golf Coaches Association President Bob Gorden, bgorden@detlakes.k12.mn.us or cell phone 218-234-5509