

Ok, the spring golf season that never came, or at least started about a month late! I don't know about the rest of you golf coaches, but if I had to do this many changes of meets, vans etc every year, would we do this job?

The winter that never stopped. Last year we had record start dates for everything and this year records were late start dates on all aspects of our golf season. Been a good month behind all spring.

I am sure all teams have really bunched their season into a short time span, I know myself I have always said the entire Month of May should be invite time, and tournament time in early June before the State tournament dates, and this year maybe showed us why?

New, for 2014 if you have not seen, the State High School league passed that all Sections must count 36 holes to qualify your teams and individuals to the State Tournament. This should help get the best teams and individuals advanced to the three State tournaments. Sections will need to use two rounds, which just about all did this in past, but many didn't count both rounds, many ways can be used, 2 different courses, 1 course, back to back days, two separate days, making first day cuts like many did with subsections, all these can work. Just about all sections already did two days, so no more school time lost, just finding right way to count both days scores for your section to advance teams and individuals.

Remember to send in you Academic teams info for State Academic awards, these are due online by May 24. Forms are on the Coaches website, so can easily do online.

Also the State rankings for your players and teams are due on Sundays all the way to June 2, these also are done online.

Remember Coaches have to belong to the Coaches Association for their teams and or individuals to receive awards.

Congratulations to the Hall of Fame Class of 2013, former Melrose Coach Jim Ploof, former Albany girls coach Denise Croatt, Holy Angels boys coach Randy Nelson and Red Wing girls coach Mark Herzog. These coaches will be inducted into the Golf Coaches Hall of Fame at this year's state tournament banquets-Herzog at the AAA banquet June 10 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Park, Nelson and Croatt at the AA banquet June 10 at the Park Ballroom in New Prague, and Ploof at the class A banquet June 10 at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud. Each banquet starts at 7:00pm and those interested in purchasing tickets should contact the following banquet managers: AAA Tim Kallevig 763-569-7600 ext.88539, AA Mike Frankenfield 507-413-2632 and A Rich Aulie 218-838-2899.

Anything, concerns, questions you might have and want to bring to our association board to bring to the Minnesota State High School League and Dave Stead, please email me bgorden@detlakes.k12.mn.us or any of the Advisory board members listed on our Minnesota State High School Coach Association website at mshsca.org. We will be having a meeting following the State tournaments in June. We also could use a couple more coaches to be on the board, please let me know if you would like to join the board.

As you finish your interesting 2013 golf season, good luck to all teams and hope to see you on a course soon. Bob Gorden, Association President