

As I sit writing this article on April 26, snow is in the air, temperature 29 degrees, and Detroit CC is white from the snow we got during the night. I guess every year we have interesting days during spring golf season, here in Detroit Lakes I had team members hitting balls outside in February, had one of our courses open second week of season March 28 and our CC open three days later. With this little weather bump in the road, we have been pretty lucky and have had pretty nice invite weather, only in Minnesota we get these type of weather changes during spring golf.

Hope all the coaches are sending in rankings weekly, it started April 24 and runs until last one due on May 28. This is a very easy on line process on the coaches association site under golf. Would be great to have all teams send stats so we have teams and individuals rated each week when they deserve to be. If a player is in Top 10 anytime during ratings, they are awarded an All-State award at the end of the season, which are handed out at State banquet, or mailed after the banquet.

Remember to fill out Academic forms and submit on-line on Coaches site, these are due by May 26 and can be found under forms on the golf page. Your players deserve this recognition.

REMEMBER when we get to the end of our season, I need your section coach year nomination. PLEASE somebody email these names after your section, so we can have a representative from all the classes and all the sections on our final ballot, if I don't get one, your section winning teams coach will be on the ballot. REMEMBER the coach has to be a member of our association to be nominated. Send name to [bgorden@detlakes.k12.mn.us](mailto:bgorden@detlakes.k12.mn.us)

State banquets, I only can speak about AA, but when the section winning coach gets up to introduce his team and individuals who qualified, I think it is sad that we don't have all the players in attendance, they deserve to be recognized in front of all their peers and should be in attendance.

Not that I am ready or thinking of the end of season as we have a lot of golf ahead, but here is info on State Golf banquets: Chairmans for banquets: Class A is Rich Aulie 218-838-2899 and will be held at Holiday Inn in St.Cloud, Class AA is Mike Frankenfield 507-413-2632 and will be held at Park Ballroom in New Prague, and I understand a new menu is planned this year, Class AAA is Tim Kallevig 763-569-7632 and will be held at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Park. All these banquets will be held on June 12th this year. PLEASE after your team or an individual qualifies for the State, contact your class chairman listed above with your team and parent count of tickets needed, and YOU will collect the needed money and pay and pickup all the tickets at your banquet as you enter. Any questions about banquet contact your class chairman.

Any concerns, questions you might have and want to bring to your board, please email any of your advisory board, they are listed on our Golf Coaches website at [mshsca.org](http://mshsca.org).

As you enjoy the rest of your 2017 season, good luck to you and your team and hope to see you on a course soon. Enjoy this great game with your teams, you and your players can enjoy this game for a life time.

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