

# Morning Ladies Golf and Dominos Group

By Pat Steckelberg

Today (June 3rd) we finally had a great day for gathering and golf at the Bluffs.

Twenty-one beautiful ladies came for lunch. We had 3 guests: Joanne Tieman, Gwen Orr and Sue French. Joanne and Gwen both joined our group as members. Welcome to all you ladies! You shall enjoy all the fun and friendships.

Desserts were provided by Pat Durkin and Jan Chapman. They were a perfect addition to our lunch. (One of my favorites! Taco salad in a bowl.)

Our drawing winners today were: \$5—Maxine Rogers and me (Pat Steckelberg)

Quarters—Dori Ryan, Karine Amundson, Judy Sullivan, Mary Lea Hennies, Pat Durkin, Sue French (see coming has cash awards sometimes also), Edith Nelson, Agnes Mockler, and Darlene Engbrecht. The more ladies—the more winners. Dominos had 4 tables with 23 ladies anxious to play.

Rd 1—Joanne Tieman, Gwen Orr, Rhoda Grant, and Maxine Rogers.

Rd 2—Joyce Zimmerman, Joan Olson, Darlene Engbrecht, and Maxine Rogers again.

Rd 3—Brenda Chatham, Joan Olson, Jan Chapman, and Thelma Raines.

Total score—Beth Silvano, Agnes Mockler, Darlene Engbrecht, and Char Brunick.

When I left after lunch, there was a lot of fun chatter. Great to hear so much fun!

Golf—well we did golf today. There were 10 golfers and we played: Roll The Dice! This is not my game but I still had lots of fun. There were 5 winners. Mary Mock—score 20, Pat Durkin—score 22, Mona Bye—score 28 and Mary Lea Hennies and her guest Sue French scored 29 each. Could not have asked for a nicer day....not too hot and not too cool...not too windy. See—perfect!

Our group is growing. Come join us...be our guest then be you will be hooked!!

# Donald R. Easton-Brooks Named Dean of the School of Education at USD

Donald R. Easton-Brooks of Eastern Oregon University has been named dean of the School of Education at the University of South Dakota, starting June 22.

Easton-Brooks spent two years at Eastern Oregon in La Grande as a professor and dean of the Colleges of Business and Education. He is a 1988 graduate of Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois, with a bachelor's degree in sociology. He received his master's degree in early childhood special education at the University of Colorado at Denver in 1995 and earned his doctorate in education leadership and innovation from UC-Denver in 2006.

Easton-Brooks' research and scholarship includes urban education, ethnic-matching of students and teachers, minority education and teacher diversity.

"We are thrilled to have this outstanding leader join the USD community," said USD Provost Jim Moran. "Dr. Easton-Brooks comes to USD with a wealth of experiences especially with respect to connecting the academia with the local communities, in program delivery and curriculum models, in fundraising and in student recruitment and retention."

Since 1996 Easton-Brooks worked as an instructor and a lecturer in the fields of

human development, health and human services and sociology at several colleges and universities. He served as assistant professor of education at the University of North Texas and as associate professor at Hamline University before becoming a full professor at Eastern Oregon in 2013. He has been a member of the American Educational Research Association, the National Association for Multicultural Education and the National Black Child Development Institute.

"I see this opportunity as one that allows us to work effectively with our partners, engage in meaningful

and impactful research to provide our students with a quality academic experience and a chance to build strong relationships with alumni," Easton-Brooks said. "I see us making strong impacts on the various fields in the school, and I am looking forward to assisting the school and the university in building a stronger national and international presence."

A recent survey conducted by the National Council on Teacher Quality rated elementary education at USD 44th of 788 programs in the country and the secondary education 23rd of 824 programs nationwide.

# Summers Are Busy Time For High School Athletes

By Bob Mercer  
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE – The parents of high school athletes in South Dakota know summers aren't time off. Regular classes are out, and interscholastic athletic events aren't scheduled. Instead, the months of June and July are time for athletes to train for next season.

In fact, the South Dakota High School Activities Association has a set of specific out of season regulations governing what coaches can do and can't do, during the period from completion of the state track and field meet until midnight on July 31.

Coaches are limited to four team camps or tournaments, or two team camps or tournaments and one league. A team camp or tournament can run five consecutive days. A league can play once per week.

But coaches aren't limited on individual

contacts with a player, and they are allowed to provide private lessons to players where specific techniques and fundamentals are taught.

The private lessons can be given in small groups that are limited in size, depending on the sport. Coaches are allowed to play in the same league as a player, but they aren't allowed to play on the same team with a player.

Now the SDHSAA board of directors is considering a major change in the out-of-season rule.

The directors will decide at their next meeting June 9 whether to eliminate all of the regulations regarding individual contacts and private lessons. The change would basically erase everything but the restriction on numbers of team contacts.

Nearly all of the athletic directors at the high schools in the state association favored the change when the athletic directors discussed it

at their group's meeting earlier this year.

The proposal contains one other important piece: Coaches couldn't have any contact with players during the week of July 1 through July 7 each summer.

These changes would take effect for the 2016 summer.

The changes would simplify life for coaches. Some critics fear overload if players face a full summer of being openly coached every day (other than the July 4 holiday week).

This brings up a related issue: Time conflicts with summer sports that aren't under the SDHSAA umbrella. Swimming is one. VFW and American Legion baseball activities are another.

The baseball situation has become complicated with the creation of spring high school baseball as an independent activity.

We now have high school-affiliated teams playing a spring schedule

for a state championship. We also have the traditional American Legion teams playing a summer schedule for a state championship.

Some communities have baseball teams that play both.

But there are situations where American Legion players are prohibited or discouraged by their team's rules or coaches from playing on the local high school team.

And there are players who compete on the high school baseball team in the spring but don't play on the local American Legion team in the summer. That allows them to train in June and July for their other high school sports.

Setting summer high school seasons covering June and July for baseball and for boys and girls golf, whose state tournaments at times run into difficult weather whether spring or fall, might be a practical next step.

# Heritage Ride is Back

The Heritage bike ride in Elk Point will be held Saturday, August 15th starting at Immanuel Lutheran church exit 18 off I-29. Registration is at www.bikeiowa under Heritage ride, and at the foundation website www.clay-unionfoundation.org. Proceeds support the local mentoring program and it's mission of helping youth. Contact John Gille at 605-421-5050 for more information. The event will need a good turnout, so invite others to ride as well.

# Austin Krier on Northwestern College Academic Dean's List

ORANGE CITY, Iowa — Austin Krier of Vermillion, a student at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, has earned a spot on the Academic Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester.

The Dean's List is comprised of students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.50 or above while carrying a minimum of 12 graded hours. This semester, 367 students qualified for the Dean's List. Students who earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher are considered Collegiate Scholars, designated with an asterisk. Of the 214 Collegiate Scholars, 63 of them maintained a perfect 4.0 average and are recognized with a pound sign.

Krier is a junior and exercise science major at Northwestern College. He is the son of Paul and Paula Krier of Vermillion.

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# Half Marathon Saturday, Sept, 26<sup>th</sup>

Get to the Point half marathon will be held in Elk Point, SD on Saturday, September 26th starting at Casey's - exit 18 off I-29. Food, fun and awards will be given to participants. Portables and break stops will be on the route, and entries are coming in. One woman from Duluth, Mn. has registered and a woman from Jacksonville, Florida also will be in the event. Enter online at www.runsignup under Get to the Point. All proceeds support the local mentoring program and it's mission of helping youth. Volunteers will be needed for the event. Contact John Gille at 605-421-5050 to sign up as a volunteer.

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