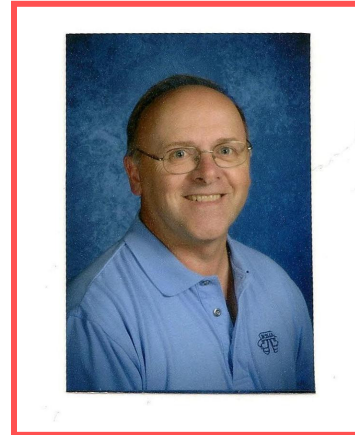


Stan Kusznieryk, Kwalikum Secondary Coach

About Stan Kusznieryk:

Stan taught at Kwalikum Secondary from 1982 until his retirement in July, 2010. He was a long time golf coach (since 1978) and executive member of the BC Secondary School Golf Association. He currently serves as the past president of the commission.



Why He Became a Coach:

“I was involved in the golf industry during university, in different summer jobs, working at golf courses. They needed a golf coach at Ballenas Secondary and I volunteered.”

Most Rewarding Experience as a Coach:

“Dealing with young adults, travelling and being with them on a one to one basis. They’re different than in the classroom - they have a lot of energy!”

What Coaching Has Brought to His Life:

“Well, it helped me to continue enjoying sports. Being a teacher, you don’t have a lot of time, and golf forced me to go out and practice with the team. It gave me a sense of accomplishment.”

Biggest Challenges as a Coach

“The hours it takes to do a decent job and be dedicated to the sport. [The challenges can be overcome] with support from family, assistants at school, and a strong desire to be out playing golf with the students.”



What Athletes Look for in a Good Coach:

“I think they look for you to be dedicated and sincere in your job. Caring about the players and the team, and how they do. They want to share their excellence and passion with you.”

Proudest Moment:

“Seeing some of the golfers get scholarships and pursue golf at the college and university level. It’s nice to see them at the golf course, years after they graduate.”