

Meadows Valley to field first golf team in 20 years

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Meadows Valley School will field a golf team this spring for the first time in 20 years. At least that's as far back as Mountaineers coach Aaron Ingle can remember.

Ingle, who has worked as a golf professional and instructor for 20 years, has been pushing for the inclusion of the sport at Meadows Valley since he moved to the area five years ago.

"Patience paid off and here we go," Ingle said.

The new era of Mountaineers golf teed off on Wednesday when the team traveled to Wilder to play at River Bend Golf Course. Results were not available.

MV will play nine tournaments this spring, traveling south to Ada and Canyon counties for almost all of them.

The team is currently made up of six boys and one girl, Ingle said.

Drew Howland, Robert Howland, Caleb LaFay, Graden Guest, Logan Hearold and Justice Taylor will play for the boys.

Drew Howland and LaFay have spent time in the MeadowCreek juniors program and have played a lot of golf already.

"I've been impressed with his swing and his mechanics," Ingle said of LaFay.

Freshman Liberty McCarley is the only female golfer on the team.

"This year is going to be a learning experience," Ingle said. "We're going to play as much golf as we can."

MV will compete in the Western Idaho Conference alongside McCall-Donnelly.

Both schools will serve as host when conference golfers arrive on May 1 at a course to be determined.

"This isn't just a one-and-done thing," Ingle said. "We want to set up a future with golf and the school."

Ingle started golfing as a teenager and a steadfast passion enabled him to become a golf professional by age 20.

He worked as a pro and instructor in Spokane before moving to the Boise area in 2000 to work at the Quail Hollow and Falcon Crest golf courses.

Local partners have also helped make Ingle's golf dream a reality, including the MeadowCreek Men's Association, MeadowCreek Junior Golf, Calvin Filmore of Diamond Line Trucking and MeadowCreek head golf professional David Boles.