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Dexter, MO - The Dexter High School honored their spring sports with their 2022 Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Each year students who letter for the first time in their respective sport will receive a letter "D" for their jacket.

The booster club purchases our "D" for the 1st time letter winners.

Mr. Wes Howard, Booster Club representative, presented the letters.

Baseball - Nolan Alford, Beau Carrier, Jackson Howard, and Ben Howard.

Softball - Kaden Jackson, Emily Hester, Abbie Sandage, Payton Short, Alexis Sisk, and Isabella Pittman.

Track & Field - Kali Hale Kennady Krapf Caden Lee Keagan Polley Kaylee Rutledge Christina Wirz

Golf - Ben Christian and Tucker Temples

Boys Tennis - Lawson Blocker and Cooper Worley

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Dexter, Missouri - It's time to sign up for the 2022 Summer Camp slated for May 25th - May 27th. It's a month earlier than last year so get with Coach Chad Allen as soon as possible.

The Basketball Camp will be held at the Bearcat Event Center. These little guys are our up and coming stars for high school athletics and we can't wait to see them play.

Kindergarten - 3rd grade boys will play from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. each morning.

4th - 6th grade boys will be in camp from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m each day.

7th and 8th grade boys will be in camp from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. daily.

The Boys Basketball Camp features team concepts, ball handling and passing instructions, shooting instructions, defensive concepts, ability and age grouping, contests, games and a camp t-shirt.

These students will gain valuable knowledge and understanding of the sport while attending camp.

Contests include Hot Shot, Free Throw, Chair Dribble, 2 Ball Layups, Lane Slides, One-on-One, and Team Play.

The cost is only \$25 and checks should be made to the Dexter High School. There is still time to attend this Summer Camp. Please come at the applicable time.

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Chad Allen at (573) 421-4571 or email to callen@dexter.k12.mo.us

We are the home of the Bearcats and we are proud! Come out for an exciting week of basketball! What a great learning experience and memories they will have attending basketball camp!

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Dexter, MO - The Dexter High School honored their spring sports with their 2022 Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Coach Eric Boles gave out the awards for Boys Tennis.

"To say that this year has been a tough one is an understatement," commented coach Eric Boles. "However, we did get the opportunity to have a tennis season and we could not have done it without the help and support of many different people."

The Courts for Cancer was a quite a success raising over \$3,000 by having sponsorships, purchasing of t-shirts, and raffle tickets. They were able to send checks to six different people or groups ranging from \$400 to \$800 each.

Cooper Worley, a freshman, had to come in and play varsity right away according to Boles. "This is a very difficult task, especially when most of his opponents were juniors and seniors. He has a very bright future ahead of him. He and his doubles partner ended up medaling in the District Doubles Tournament."

Logan Jones is a first year varsity only player and the #4 spot for most of the year. He and his doubles partner medaled at the SEMO Conference Tournament. "He is our "Mister Consistency" on the courts. He was voted "Best Teammate" by his fellow teammates."

Lawson Blocker is the second of the two freshmen on the team and had to come in and play varsity right away. Not only did he have to play varsity as a freshman, he played in the top half of every match as the #3 spot. "He held his own and has shown great progress in his game over the course of the season. He and his doubles partner ended up medaling at the District Doubles Tournament."

Peyton Boles is a 2nd year varsity letterman and had a very tough year ahead of him. He played the #1 spot most of the year and constantly had to play individuals who had much more experience than his first year of tennis. "He never let the pressure get to him. He always remained calm and under control." His season highlights include a 3rd Place Medalist finish at the Poplar Bluff Tournament in singles bracket and qualified for the Sectional Tournament by taking home the Silver Medal at Districts. He was voted "Best Overall Player" by his teammates.

Drake Channell is a 2nd year varsity letterman and the only player with more than one year of tennis experience. He was the #2 player most of the season, but took over the #1 spot the last two weeks of the season. "It is a lot of pressure being the only senior on a very young team. After taking home the Bronze Medal at Districts, he is officially done with his high school tennis career and now will take on a much bigger challenge as he moves on to the college level in August."

Most Singles Wins Award: Two boys tied for this award. They have the exact same number of wins and they have the exact same win percentage. "They were the only boys with double digit wins, the only ones with a winning record and they both finished with a win percentage of 60%. This award goes to Drake Channell and Peyton Boles.

Most Doubles Wins Award: This award came down to the tie-breaker of win percentage and the team of Drake Channell/Peyton Boles have earned this award.

Bearcat Award Winner: This award was voted on by the team. "I had the boys complete a survey on our teammate awards (6 different categories), and the player that received the most overall votes was awarded the Bearcat Award." This years winner is Peyton Boles.

Pictured from left to right are Peyton Boles, Cooper Worley, Lawson Blocker, Ryder Williams, Drake Channell, and Clayton Whitaker.

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Awards are based on total points as well as top performances.

Top Sprinters - Male - RJ Farmer, Female - Allison Turnbo

Top Distance - Male - Chris Stone, Female - Gabby Brown

Top Thrower - Male - Josh Alday, Female - Dulcie Pullen

Top Jumper - Male - Christian Wirz, Female - Abbie Lloyd

Versatility - Male - Anistin Kyle, Female - Avery Neely

Most Valuable Player - Male - Anistin Kyle, Female - Gabby Brown

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Dexter, MO - The Dexter High School honored their spring sports with their 2022 Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Coach Eric Sitze gave out the awards for Golf.

"We had a great season this year," Coach Eric Sitze said. "Our lowest 18 hole score was 312 which stands as a 2nd lowest in school history. We had a season scoring average of 163.8 and our season match record was 14-3 with three rainouts."

"I wish we could have played those matches, but the rain was really, really bad this year. We played in a total of 6 tournaments playing against fields of 12 to 16 teams."

Dexter finished 4th in the Notre Dame Tournament against three Class 5 teams Nixa, Helias, and Poplar Bluff. They tied for 2nd with Jackson in the Farmington Invitational. They finished 3rd in the Jackson, Poplar Bluff, and SEMO Conference Tournaments to Poplar Bluff and Jackson.

This past Monday the golf team finished 1st as a team in Districts advancing to the State Tournament on Monday, May 16th and Tuesday, May 17th at the Sedalia Country Club.

Dylan Sitze was able to claim the gold medal for a 2nd year in a row and Cy Worley claimed the silver finishing 2nd.

The 2010 Bearcat Golf Team was the last team able to advance to the State Tournament. "I am completely thrilled to get the opportunity to compete at this level again," stated Sitze.

Individually this year the Bearcats had 3 SEMO All Conference players Cy Worley, Dylan Sitze, and Matt Hardin. They also had three All District players Dylan Sitze, Cy Worley, and Tucker Temples.

Ben Christian also medaled in two tournaments this season. "We did very well individually in our area."

"They have been a great bunch of kids to coach this season and I am very proud of all of their accomplishments," continued Sitze.

Letter winners are Alyssa Warren (sophomore), Ethan Zabelin (sophomore), and Miller McLaughlin (senior).

"These three players have worked hard this spring working on being better players. They participated in three to four varsity matches as individuals. There were many days after practice they would be on the range tring to improve their swing or just work on their game. They are great teammates and very supportive of each other."

Ben Christian (freshman) letter winner - His average was 41.2 this season. he played the number 3 spot all year and did a great job for the team as a freshman. Ben medaled in 2 out of his first 3 tournaments shooting a season best 77 and tying for 4th with Dylan and Cy in the Farmington Tournament.

Tucker Temples (freshman) letter winner - His average was 44.7 this season. He played the number 5 spot most of the season. He was a medal winner in two tournaments and one JV tournament at Perryville where he finished 4th and then placed 9th in the District Tournament making the All District Team.

"I want to thank my three seniors for all of their hard work and dedication over the past four years," continued Sitze. "We are going to miss you guys next year. You have been a big part of our success and I am proud to have gotten to know them and hope they have learned something that will help carry them through the next phase after graduation. Golf is a great game that can teach many great life lessons. I am grateful for our four years together and will always be a phone call away. Thank you again and good luck after graduation."

Senior Matt Hardin's average was 46.4 this season. He played the #4 spot. He was a state qualifier last year and a SEMO All Conference medal winner this year. "He has steadily improved over the past four years on the golf team shooting his best score of 81 at Conference a few weeks ago. Matt has a great golf swing and can hit it long. He keeps all our guys in line, and isn't afraid to tell them when they cross that line."

Senior Cy Worley had an average this season of 38.4. He played the number 1 and 2 spots. Cy medaled in all 6 of the tournaments and finished 3rd at the Poplar Bluff Invitational. He was SEMO All Conference this year and All District two years, placing 2nd and winning a silver medal on Monday at Districts. His lowest score this year was a 34 (-2) which included a hole out from 100 yards for Eagle. That tied him for 2nd lowest 9 hole score in the Dexter High School records. "He earns the award for growing more in his four years than any other golfer I've coached. He was a big part of our last District Championship team in 2019 and our very talented 2020 team that was cancelled because of Covid-19. Cy will continue his golf career at Mineral Area College."

Senior Dylan Sitze had an average 38.9 this season and he played the number 1 and 2 spots. "Dylan has been a very consistent player for our program the past four years." Dylan medaled in all 6 tournaments this year. He is Dexter's 12th District/Sectional champion. His lowest 18 hole score was 72 (+1) at Fox Haven Country Club in Sikeston. He has been All Conference and All District every year. He has earned a trip to State every year individually and was all State as a freshman. Dylan was also a big part of our last District Championship team in 2019 and our very talented 2020 team that was cancelled due to Covid-19. Dylan will continue his golf career next year at Evangel University.

"I have always given this award out before State and it came down to 2 athletes for the first time since 2002. Kyle and Matt Christian were the last two guys that this was so close. Dylan and Cy have been playing against each other since they were 10 years old. This year was no different. I think they are about 14 or 15 stroked apart."

This year's 2022 Season Medalist with a 38.4 season low average is Cy Worley.

Pictured from left to right Coach Eric Sitze, Allyssa Warren, Matt Hardin, Ethan Zabelin, Cy Worley, Ben Christian, Dylan Sitze, and Tucker Temples.

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