

## WSGA — 1984, A YEAR OF TRIUMPH

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The crisp chill of a late autumn wind gusting upon a rapidly fading tan face, signals the end of another Wisconsin golf season. The Wisconsin State Golf Association experienced its most successful season ever. Over 200 clubs were enrolled as members in 1984 and the WSGA serviced over 40,000 golfers with its computer handicap program. A record number of over 1400 members participated in the golf competitions sponsored by the WSGA in 1984 to the satisfaction of everyone.

The year started off with the annual trip to the Masters Golf Championship in Augusta, GA where a capacity group enjoyed sparkling sunshine and 80 degree weather to witness BEN CRENSHAW'S move to capture the green jacket, emblematic of the Masters champion. This success assured that a repeat trip is definitely in the plans for 1985.

The initial competition for 1984 saw the Merrill Hills team of TOM SCHMIDT and DICK BAKER capture the WSGA BESTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP at the Hartford CC when they edged MIKE STOLZ and DAVE UELMEN of North Shore CC by a 3/2 margin. SCOTT OVERBY and DAVE WERNICKE of Brown Deer defeated Johnson Park's JIM COVELLI and MARK BEMOWSKI for the President's Flight title.

The WSGA MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP was won by JOHN P. HAYES, JR. of Butte des Morts GC which was held at the Old Hickory CC in Beaver Dam in a 3/2 victory over DAVE JONES of Johnson Park. This event attracted over 180 participants to the challenging design of Old Hickory.

The beautiful Blackhawk CC in Madison was the setting for the WSGA GOVERNOR'S CUP CHAMPIONSHIP where Appleton Butte des Morts GC's JIM RUDOLF won the title with an impressive 145 total. Age division titles were won by (40-44) JAY LOHMILLER of Hartford CC, (45-49) RUDOLF and (50-55) HAL KNUTH of Tuckaway CC.

The 84th running of the WSGA STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP was conducted at the Racine CC. Competitively smooth greens featuring strategic pin placements tested the skills of all the players. The result was a third crown for MARK BEMOWSKI of Johnson Park with a very respectable 294 total. AL PETERS of the Tuckaway CC placed second at 296 followed by longtime standout DICK SUCHER of Ozaukee CC at 298. The Yule Cup team championship was won by the Johnson Park threesome of Bemowski, JIM WEBERS and JIM COVELLI.

The 1984 WSGA STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP was held at the Oshkosh CC and STEVE STRICKER of Edgerton's Towne CC prevailed to win the championship with a 215 total to edge North Hills' DAVE MILEY by three strokes. Age group champions were (Under 15) BILL HEIM of Royal Scott GC in New Franken, (15-16) PAT VICKERS of Chenequa and (17-18) STRICKLER. The team title was won by Nakoma GC for the second year in a row. Team members were DAN AEHL, TOM RASMUSSEN, DAVE GRAMS, JR, and PAUL MITCHELL.

Tuckaway CC served as the setting for the 1984 PATER-FILIUS CHAMPIONSHIP with a record turnout of over 400 teams. For the second straight year the team of DAVID and DEAN WERNICKE of Brown Deer Park GC won the LOW GROSS CHAMPIONSHIP with an alternate-shot score of 73. The LOW NET CHAMPIONSHIP was won by LYLE and MARK HIRD of Nakoma GC, who scored a net 65 to edge HARVEY KUENN and HARVIE KUENN, JR. of the host club.

The WSGA STATE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP was held at the Nakoma GC in Madison and FRANK TENFEL of West Bend CC won his third straight title with a 150 total. Champions of age divisions were (55-59) TENFEL, (60-64) DON STRUTZ, Butte des Morts GC, (65-69) STEVE CARAVELLO, Maple Bluff CC, (70 & Over) JACK

DORNER, Ozaukee CC.

The NELTHORPE CUP MATCHES were held at the Racine CC and the Wisconsin PGA captured their 13th victory in 16 tries with a 33½ to 29½ victory over the WSGA. This was the first time that the event featured senior representatives competing with their respective organizations, and it added to the camaraderie of the event.



The WSGA has come a long way since nine clubs met in Janesville during July of 1901 to formulate the Wisconsin State Golf Association. The nine clubs were Janesville Sinnissippi GC, Milwaukee CC, Kenosha CC, Green Lake Tuscumbia CC, Oshkosh CC, Maple Bluff CC, La Crosse Schaghticoke CC, Appleton Riverview CC and the Racine CC. The WSGA sponsored three competitions at that time and they were all held during the same week at the same club. They were the State Amateur, the State Junior and the Pater Filius. The WSGA now sponsors eight major events and requires the use of 31 golf sites to conduct the competitions and qualifying events that are on the schedule each year.

The Association's affairs are managed by a Board of Directors comprised of 34 directors from regions throughout the State. An office is located in the metropolitan Milwaukee area which is staffed year round and is equipped to service all golfers with information relative to the game of golf. Everyone associated with the WSGA is enthusiastic about the growth and direction that the WSGA is headed for. Golf is alive and growing in the State of Wisconsin, thanks to the Wisconsin State Golf Association.