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## ABOUT THE COVER

Landscape artist J.L. Samerdyke presents to us the favorite golf holes of each of the host superintendents of the Wisconsin State Open and the Wisconsin State Amateur.

Ric Lange, golf course superintendent at Meadowbrook Country Club in Racine especially enjoys the 10th hole on his course. It is a 484-yard par five that will give players in the Wisconsin State Open their best eagle opportunity. He loves the look of the bunkers and mounds and the green surrounds. The view shown here is from this spring.

Nakoma Golf Club is the site of the WSGA State Am in July. Superintendent Clark Rowles favors the 527-yard par five sixteenth at his course. Trees, bunkers and water guard a two tiered green. The view here is from deep summer.

"Whoever could make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together."

Johnathan Swift 1667-1745

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