

State Amateur At The Bog

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The Bog in Saukville hosted the 112th Wisconsin State Amateur Championship July 22-25, 2013. The Arnold Palmer Design last hosted the "Amateur" in 2004 but considering most of the top finishers are under 25 they did not compete then.

The Bog will challenge the states best as it measures 7,221 yards from the back tees with a rating of 75.3 and slope of 143.

Wisconsin State Golf Association Director of Rules and Competitions Bill Linneman loves the ability to significantly change yardage on holes due to the multiple tee boxes and angles.

To enter the 72 hole stroke play event players need have a handicap index of 9.4 or less, be one of the approximately 41 exempt players or qualify at one of the 9 qualifying tournaments. Players must qualify in the district of their home course unless providing a good reason why they cannot do so. 168 players make the field with a cut after 36 holes to allow the top 70 players and ties to play for the championship.

Four days of championship play will provide for the true state champion and winner of the Sinnissippi Cup. The cup received its name from the first championship in 1901 when the amateur was played at Sinnissippi Country Club which is now the Janesville Country Club. While players compete for individual honors WSGA member clubs with three qualifiers compete for the Yule Cup awarded to the low club after the first 36 holes of play.



Teamwork is needed to host a big event as shown on the Par 4 5th hole. The hole plays 469 yards from the back tee.



The golf course borders the 1,600 acre Cedarburg Bog which has been designated a National Natural Landmark. It is the most intact bog in South Eastern Wisconsin and known for its expanses of cedar-tamarack swamp forests and 9 lakes.

2013 WSGA Amateur Championship Qualifying Sites

DISTRICT #1A: DRUGAN'S CASTLE MOUND CC, Holmen

DISTRICT #1B: EAU CLAIRE G&CC, Altoona

DISTRICT #2: LAKE ARROWHEAD GC (LAKES), Nekoosa

DISTRICT #3: EVERGREEN GC, Elkhorn

DISTRICT #4: REEDSBURG CC, Reedsburg

DISTRICT #5: RIDGEWAY G&CC, Neenah

DISTRICT #6A: HARTFORD GC, Hartford

DISTRICT #6B: NAGA-WAUKEE GC, Pewaukee

DISTRICT #6C: WHITNALL PARK GC, Hales Corners