

THE WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION 57TH JUNIOR (BOYS) CHAMPIONSHIP
TO BE PLAYED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA COURSE
JULY 9-13, 1974

The WGA Junior (Boys) Championship is returning to the University of Minnesota for the second time. It was played there in 1962. That was the first year Golf Course Superintendent Russ Adams was at the course as superintendent and he is still there. With Russ in charge the 1974 contestants can be assured of an outstanding conditioned course as he is one of our best superintendents and also a fine golfer. Because he has both of these qualities he knows what the tournament golfer wants, and should have in a golf course. He and his staff will see that the players will have a course that is a true test of golf and at the same time a fair course.



Russ Adams
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The 1962 event was an all-Minnesota final with George Shortridge defeating Dave Gumlia 1 up in 23 holes. Both of these fine players later turned professional and joined the PGA tour.

This championship consists of 36 holes qualifying with the 32 qualifiers then going into match play. We asked Russ to name some of the holes he thought would play an important and deciding factor in this championship and he said that first, in his opinion, the championship would be won and lost on the back nine. Although the first nine is an interesting and fairly difficult nine it is shorter and considered a little easier than the back nine.

He named #2 - A par 3 with water between the tee and the green.

#12 - A long par 4 with heavily wooded area on both sides of the fairway and an elevated green.

#13 - A par 5 and the longest hole on the course and a dogleg to the left with out-of-bounds to the right from the point of the dogleg and the entire left of the fairway heavily tree lined.

#15 - A par 4 with trees on the left and out-of-bounds on the right.

#16 - Similar to #15, a par 4 with trees on the left and out-of-bounds to the right.

#17 - A par 3 playing over water.

Some of these holes are pictured on the cover. It is the opinion of Russ that the players that play these holes in par or very near to it will be serious contenders for the championship.

We are proud to have this championship in Minnesota again and the members of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association join their member Russ Adams in wishing all of the contestants the best of luck and hope they enjoy their visit to Minnesota and the University of Minnesota course.

It is recommended that anyone wishing to see some great amateur golf to arrange to get to the University course during this championship, every day if possible, but at least a day or two. These young men play a game that is well worth watching. Again the dates are July 9-13.