

History of the Junior Girls State Tournament

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The Junior Girls State Tournament was inaugurated at the Ames Golf and Country Club in 1952. There were 31 entries and a championship flight of eight girls. It was match play and was won by Patty Westfall of Des Moines. She was the Medalist with a score of 83.

In 1953 the tournament was held at the Newton Golf and Country Club and there were 45 entries and the Medallists were Terry Stevens of Waterloo and Kay Westfall of Des Moines and their scores were 96. Scores of 107 qualified for the Championship flight, which was the Low 16. Carole Brown of Des Moines was the winner.

In June of 1954 the Boone Golf and Country Club entertained the Iowa Junior Girls tournament. The Medallists were Judy McCoy of Indianola and Donna Garrett of Ames and their scores were 94. Andy Cohn of Waterloo was the winner.

In 1955 the tournament was played at the Eldora Golf and Country Club and Andy Cohn was the winner.

In 1956 the tournament was held at the Ottumwa Golf and Country Club and the winner was Andy Cohn.

In 1957 the tournament was played at the Atlantic Golf and Country Club and it was Medal Play for the first time and was won by Andy Cohn. It was 72 holes.

The tournament has been played every year and in 1980 the tournament was a 54-hole tournament instead of 72 holes and was won by Connie Carlson of Mason City, Iowa.

There is some recollection of a Junior Girls State Tournament being held in Eldora at Pine Lake Golf Club in 1951. There were 13 entries and they played 18 holes and Ann Griffell was the director. This writer can find no record of this tournament but the source of the information is certainly reliable.

The Historians records give a complete break down of all the Junior Girls State Tournaments.

We have to commend Ione Reid for looking up and organizing the history of the Girls' State Tournament. Winners were recorded through 1980 and continuing with that tradition I have compiled a listing of winners after that date putting all records of winners in the same format.

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