

**Women's Western Golf Association
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**August Kim shoots a 66 to take Club House lead
in WWGA National Amateur at Dayton CC**

Most of the attention at Dayton Country Club was focused on Day 1 of the 2-day Stroke Play Qualifying at the Women's Western Golf Association's 116th National Amateur Championship. The first ball was in the air at 7:00 am and the last group finished the 18th hole about 7:30 pm.

The low score of the day was a 66 turned in by August Kim, St. Augustine, Florida. Kim will be a Senior at Purdue University this fall. She won the 2016 Big Ten Women's Golf Individual Championship played at The Fort Golf Resort in Indianapolis. In addition, she is an accomplished musician who plays the guitar, ukulele and cello.

Defending Champion Chakansim (Fai) Khamborn turned in a 67. Khamborn, who is 16 and a citizen of Thailand, spends her summers in the Cincinnati area with her aunt and uncle who own a Thai Restaurant there. Khamborn won the WWGA National Junior Championship at the age of 12 when it was held at Cincinnati Country Club. Other past Champions who have won both WWGA tournament include Nancy Lopez, Cristie Kerr and Grace Park.

Also turning in a 67 was Jacqueline Bendrick of Mercer Island, Washington. Bendrick spent some time at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida where she was Valedictorian of the Class of 2014. She is proud of being part of the Furman University Women's Golf Team that made the finals of the 2016 NCAA Women's Golf Championship.

Turning in scores of 68 include Sophia Schubert, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Alice Chen, Princeton, New Jersey; Molly Skapik, Miamisburg, Ohio; Lexi Toth, Dublin, Ohio; Pauline Del Rosario, Las Pinas, The Philippines; and Jordy LaBarbera, Allen, Texas.

Two Aces were recorded today at Dayton CC. The first came from Lexi Toth, a member of the Class of 2018 at Rollins College. Her hole-in-one occurred on Hole #14 where she hit a Titleist golf ball perfectly 202-yards with her TaylorMade #5 Wood. About an hour later, a second hole-in-one was recorded on the Hole #7 by Nashville Native, Sam Burrus. She hit her Titleist golf ball with her #8 TaylorMade Iron shot perfectly 133 yards into the wind. Lee attends Lee University in Clarksville, Tennessee, where she will be a Junior this fall.

Over the weekend, I got a chance to meet many of the players and some have some good stories to tell. One of the most touching stories came from Anna Redding, Concord, North Carolina, who has just finished her Freshman Year at the University of

Virginia. During this school year her team won the Atlantic Coast Championship where she finished 5th as an Individual. Virginia also made the final eight teams at the NCAA Women's Golf Division One Championship.

During her last year of high school, her Senior Class Project was called "Birdies For Babies". From August to November, 2014, she got sponsors to pay her for each Birdie and Eagle she made in competition. In that period, she scored 63 birdies and 2 eagles which generated \$22,000. This money was turned over Tenwek Hospital, in Bomet, Kenya. This missionary hospital is on the edge of The Great Rift Valley and serves a wide area of Kenya. Anna's father is a Neurosurgeon who has spent some time there himself as a volunteer. The money raised by Anna's "Birdies for Babies" bought an incubator for the hospital. Earlier this year she went to Kenya and presented the incubator in person to the hospital which she says "was an incredible experience".

Tomorrow the second round of Qualifying will commence at 7:00 am. After conclusion of play, the low 64 combined scores will be placed in Championship Flight. A playoff may be necessary to determine the last players in the flight. Subsequent players will be placed in flights based on their qualifying scores. On Wednesday, all players will play their first single elimination match. The Championship Flight 36-hole final will be played on Saturday. The public is welcome to attend every day of the tournament at no charge.

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