

WOMEN'S WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION

(A National Organization - Founded 1901)

118th NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

June 25 - 30, 2018

Mistwood Golf Club - Romeoville, Illinois

1700 West Renwick Road, Romeoville, Illinois 60446

815-306-4640

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur girls and women who 1) have an up-to-date 18-hole USGA Handicap Index not to exceed 7.4 under the USGA Handicap System, or a state or international equivalent handicap system, and 2) are members of a properly organized golf club or women's golf group that is a 2018 WWGA member.

PLAYER EXEMPT LISTING refer to page 5.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Properly organized golf clubs and women's golf groups located in the United States of America, including the District of Columbia, and all its territories and possessions, are eligible for membership when they meet the membership requirements of the Association. WWGA club membership is \$35.00. Club membership dues are included in the entry fee for United States citizens. The membership packet will be mailed to the club or golf group listed on your entry application. For any questions contact Patti Williams, pmw4000@sbcgobal.net or call 608-358-6199.

HANDICAP INDEX INFORMATION

Applicant's Handicap Index information, with verification contacts, must be properly recorded on the entry application form.

ENTRY INFORMATION

US Citizen Entry Fee - \$250.00

Foreign Citizen Entry Fee - \$250.00

Entry applications are available online payable by credit card/PayPal at www.WWGA.org

Players will receive an email acknowledging receipt of application.

For any questions contact Entry Chairman, Elsie Nemeth

WWGAam@yahoo.com or call 574-274-0563

- Entries open **February 26, 2018**. www.WWGA.org
- Entries close **May 11, 2018** at 5:00 P.M. (CDT)
- Field limited to the low 120 players.
- **Players will be notified of acceptance or wait list on or before May 15, 2018.**
- Incomplete or late entries will not be accepted.
- Entries are subject to approval or rejection at any time by the WWGA Amateur Tournament Committee.
- A \$25.00 administrative fee is included in the entry fee and will not be refunded.
- No refunds for withdrawals of accepted entries will be issued after May 25, 2018.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Players must register in person at Mistwood Golf Club:

Sunday, June 24 - 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (CDT)

Late Arrival Information - Players must register in person by 4:00 P.M. (CDT) on Sunday, June 24 or have notified by phone Entry Chairman, Elsie Nemeth 574-274-0563.

Note: *Place may be forfeited by a player from whom no word is received by 4:00 P.M. (CDT) on Sunday, June 24.*

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

36-hole Stroke Play qualifier to determine 32 players for Match Play
Championship - 32 players

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Monday, June 25	A.M. or P.M.	Practice Rounds
Tuesday, June 26	A.M. or P.M.	Qualifying Round - 18 holes
Wednesday, June 27	A.M. or P.M.	Qualifying Round - 18 holes
Thursday, June 28	A.M.	Round 1 - Match Play (32 players)
	P.M.	Round 2 - Match Play (16 players)
Friday, June 29	A.M.	Round 3 - Quarterfinal
	P.M.	Round 4 - Semifinal
Saturday, June 30	A.M. & P.M.	Final - 36 holes

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY

In fairness to the field of competition: In both the stroke play and match play portion of the tournament, it is expected and is the responsibility of every player to continue play throughout the tournament until eliminated. The field plays the Monday (practice round), Tuesday and Wednesday rounds. Wednesday, the field will be cut to 32 players for the championship.

CO-AM TOURNAMENT

Mistwood Golf Club members invite contestants to play in a Co-Am Tournament Sunday, June 24, at 1:00 P.M., shotgun start. *The field is limited.* Call the Pro Shop early to sign up 815-254-3333.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Additional practice rounds are available prior to Monday, June 25. Call the Pro Shop for information 815-254-3333. The practice range will be open at 6:00 am during the tournament.

CADDIE INFORMATION

Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round in the Championship. A player may provide her own caddie or carry her bag. A player may provide her own non-motorized pull cart. Caddies are available through Mistwood Golf Club.

To reserve a caddie call the Pro Shop: 815-254-3333 or Email: amickelson@mistwoodgc.com
Rate: \$60 per round, with a suggested gratuity of \$40

REGULATIONS, FOOTWEAR & PERSONAL APPEARANCE

For Players, Caddies and Spectators

Distance-measuring device. LOCAL RULE: In this competition a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g. elevation, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

No metal or ceramic spikes permitted. No short shorts or short skirts, jeans, cut-offs, tank tops, halters, bathing suits, or the like. Appropriate golf attire must be worn at all times when using the practice facility, putting green, the golf course and the entire clubhouse facility.

Spectators: No dogs allowed on the course. Spectators shall walk at all times. On the course, spectator cell phones must be on the 'silent only' setting.

Spectator Cart Policy: A spectator seeking a cart due to a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act must submit a medical certificate. Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify under the ADA will not be granted. All requests must go through the Tournament Chairman. Spectator carts may or may not be available at the tournament site. The WWGA will try to accommodate spectators whenever possible.

Note: Recreational vehicles, campers, motorhomes or the like will not be permitted to park on the Mistwood Golf Club premises. Tailgating will not be permitted.

SOCIAL EVENT and AWARDS PRESENTATION

Sunday, June 24 - 6:30 P.M.

Players are cordially invited to an informal Welcome Dinner hosted by the WWGA to be held at Mistwood Golf Club

Family and friends are welcome and may pay for dinner by cash or check at registration.

Saturday, June 30

Awards Presentation
for
Champion & Finalist

(following completion of play)

AWARDS

W. A. Alexander Cup - Champion. The Champion's name will be inscribed on the trophy.

'Babe' Didrikson Zaharias Memorial Trophy - Finalist. The Finalist's name will be inscribed on the trophy that is on display at the Nashville Golf and Athletic Club, Brentwood, Tennessee.

Margaret Lenz Trophy - Medalist. Lowest gross score from the 36-hole qualifying round.

Medals - Champion, Finalist, Semifinalists and Quarterfinalists.

PRIVATE HOUSING and LOCAL TRANSPORTATION will not be available for 2018. See hotel information for complimentary shuttle service to and from Mistwood Golf Club.

WWGA TOURNAMENT HOTEL INFORMATION

Reservations are to be made directly with the Holiday Inn & Suites, Bolingbrook, IL. If calling the hotel directly, state that you are with the Women's Western Golf Association. If booking through central reservations or online, use the 3-letter Group Code: **WWG**

Holiday Inn & Suites Bolingbrook - 205 Remington Blvd, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Reservations: 630-679-1600 Fax: 630-679-1616 www.bolingbrookholidayinn.com

Check in 3:00 P.M. Check out 12:00 Noon

Standard King: \$109.00 per night, plus tax

Standard Double Queen: \$115.00 per night, plus tax

Rates include:

- Complimentary shuttle service to and from Mistwood Golf Club.
Request must be arranged at the front desk
- Two (2) breakfast Vouchers per day, per room.
- Every room equipped with microwave, mini refrigerator, coffee maker.
- Complimentary wireless access to the Internet.
- Complimentary use of the Fitness Center and indoor heated pool.

WWGA Rate Reservation Deadline: May 31

2018 AMATEUR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

WWGA President

Frances Fleckenstein – Lancaster Country Club, PA

Tournament Chairman

Cece Durbin – Indian Hill Club, IL
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Rules Chairman – Amateur

Debbie Van Sistine – Mauh-Nah-Tee-See, IL
Asst: Louise Allard – Olympia Fields Country Club, IL

Entry Chairman

Elsie Nemeth – Knollwood Country Club, IN
574-274-0563 email: WWGAam@yahoo.com

Player Registration

Judy Anderson – Glen View Club, IL

Pairings/Scoring

Linda Gilley – Flossmoor Country Club, IL
Asst. Betty Roska – Mauh-Nah-Tee-See, IL

Scoreboard

Betty Roska – Mauh-Nah-Tee-See, IL
Spot Lawler – Glen View Club, IL

Hospitality

Patti Zeeman – Exmoor Country Club, IL

Awards

Char Delaney – Skokie Country Club, IL

Tournament Publicity

Susan Wagner – TPC Sawgrass, FL
630-347-0066 email: suzywagner@att.net

Coaches – Judy Anderson, Glen View Club, IL

EXEMPTIONS

Players in the following categories will be eligible for early acceptance into the 118th National Women's Western Amateur field. The WWGA reserves the right to revise the exempt categories. If players qualify under Amateur status for this Championship, an entry must be filed by April 15, 2018.

Women's Western Amateur

2017

Champion: Maddie Szeryk. *Finalist:* Dylan Kim. *Semifinalists:* Sarah White, Sophia Schubert. *Quarterfinalists:* Stephanie Lau, Jackie Chulya, Francesca Olivarez-Illas, Yuwen Lu.

2016

Champion: Jillian Hollis. *Finalist:* Mikhaela Fortuna. *Semifinalists:* Sophia Shubert, Kelly Whaley. *Quarterfinalists:* Lydia Gumm, Maddie Szeryk, Grace St-Germain, August Kim.

US Women's Amateur

2017

Champion: Sophia Schubert. *Finalist:* Albane Valenzuela.

2016

Champion: Eun Jeong Seong. *Finalist:* Virginia Elena Carta.

Women's Western Junior

2017

Champion: Mikaela Schulz. *Finalist:* Speedy Kent. *Semifinalists:* Kira Wolf, Kiley Rodrigues.

2016

Champion: Kate Lillie. *Finalist:* Penelope Tir. *Semifinalists:* Nicole Ciskowski, Loren Skibba.

US Girls Junior

2017

Champion: Erica Shepherd. *Finalist:* Jennifer Chang.

2016

Champion: Eun Jeong Seong. *Finalist:* Andrea Lee.

Founded in 1901, under sponsorship of the Western Golf Association, the
WOMEN'S WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION
has conducted National Championships for 118 years.

1901...First Championship

WWGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Held without interruption for 118 years...

1920...Inaugurated

WWGA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1930...Founded

WOMEN'S WESTERN OPEN

A major championship in Women's Golf; the Open endorsed and supported the formation of the LPGA and women's professional golf. The championship was discontinued in 1967.

1971...Established

Women's Western Golf Foundation

1979...Inaugurated

WWGA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

2018...Represented by Member Clubs, the WWGA incorporates over 45,000 women golfers nationwide.

The WWGA's rich tradition encompasses all ages by conducting national championships annually and is one of the oldest and most revered women's golf organizations in the United States. The WWGA's purpose is to foster national amateur golf competitions for women and girls.

Women's Western Golf Foundation

The **Women's Western Golf Foundation** was formed 47 years ago as an outgrowth of the WWGA. Its primary objective is to receive and distribute funds to advance young women who have an involvement in the game of golf and have attained scholastic achievement by granting them academic undergraduate scholarships. Since 1971 the Foundation has granted over \$4.1 million to over 710 young women representing 45 states; it also assists a number of women's collegiate golf programs.

For information on the Foundation contact:

Patti Zeeman, Chairman
pattizeeman@me.com