



119TH WOMEN'S WESTERN AMATEUR TO FEATURE INTERNATIONAL FIELD OF HIGHLY RANKED PLAYERS

Golf, III. (July 12, 2019) – The 119th Western Women's Amateur will be held July 15-20 at Royal Melbourne Country Club in Long Grove, Illinois.

Held without interruption since 1901, the Women's Western Amateur is among the oldest annual championships in women's amateur golf. It attracts many of the top amateur and collegiate golfers throughout the world.

Among the leading amateurs in the 2019 field are:

- **Megan Furtney** of South Elgin, Illinois, an incoming freshman at Duke University who also competed in the 2019 U.S. Women's Open
- **Lauren Hartlage** of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, an All-ACC honoree at Louisville and Honorable Mention All-America
- **Ela Bélen Anacona** of Buenos Aires, Argentina, an Arkansas signee
- **Lauren Beadreau** of Lemont, Illinois, an incoming freshman at The University of Notre Dame

The list of past champions spans more than a century, from legendary stars Patty Berg (1946, 1947), Nancy Lopez (1976), Beth Daniel (1978) and Cristie Kerr (1994) to modern stars such as Brittany Lang (2003), Stacy Lewis (2006) and Ariya Jutanugarn (2012).

"It's an honor to chair the 2019 Women's Western Amateur," said Susan Buchanan, tournament chairman. "This is a special tournament, and we're proud to be celebrating 119 years of women's championship golf."

This will be the first Women's Western Golf Association Championship hosted by Royal Melbourne.

Designed by PGA TOUR legend Greg Norman – with architect Ted Robinson and KemperSports designer Bob Spence – Royal Melbourne makes the most of surrounding wetlands, ponds, prairies and trees to create a challenging test. The championship track will require players to execute a variety of shot-making skills.

“On behalf all of our members, it’s an honor for us to host the best women amateurs from around the country at one of our flagship properties,” said Josh Lesnik, KemperSports president.

Administered by the Western Golf Association in partnership with the WWGA, the Women’s Western Amateur will feature a field of 120 players with a USGA Handicap of 5.4 or less. The Women’s Western Amateur begins with 36 holes of stroke play on Tuesday and Wednesday of tournament week. The field is then trimmed to the top 32 players for match play. The championship match will be contested on Saturday, July 20, on the third and final day of match play.

For information about the tournament, visit www.womenswesternamateur.com.

About the Women’s Western Golf Association

The WWGA was founded in 1901 under the sponsorship of the WGA and is one of the oldest women’s golf organizations in the United States; it is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established under guidelines set by the international Revenue Service. Each year, the WWGA hosts the Women’s Western Amateur Championship and the Women’s Western Junior Championship.

About the Western Golf Association

The Western Golf Association conducts six national golf championships and sponsors the nationally acclaimed Evans Scholars Foundation. Headquartered in Golf, Illinois, the organization was founded in 1899 by 11 Chicago-area golf clubs to promote their interests in golf. In addition to the BMW Championship, the WGA conducts four prestigious amateur championships, the Western Amateur, the Western Junior, and the Women’s Western Golf Association’s Amateur and Junior championships. Starting in 2019, the WGA also is conducting the Evans Scholars Invitational on the Korn Ferry Tour. To learn more, visit www.wgaesf.org.

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Schedule of Events

Monday, July 15

7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Player Registration (Royal Melbourne clubhouse)
Practice Rounds – (1st Tee)

Tuesday, July 16

8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

First Round Stroke Play

Tee times off both No. 1 and No. 10 tees
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Player Dinner

Wednesday, July 17

8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Second Round Stroke Play

Tee times off both No. 1 and No. 10 tees
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(Low 32 enter match play)

Thursday, July 18

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Match Play

Round of 32 – Tee times off No. 1
Round of 16 – Tee times off No. 1

Friday, July 19

7:30 a.m. – 8 a.m.
12:30 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Match Play

Quarterfinals – Tee times off No. 1
Semifinals – Tee times off No. 1

Saturday, July 20

7:30 a.m.
Following Play

Match Play

Final – Tee time off No. 1
Trophy Ceremony