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Women's Western Golf Association set to hold its 91st National Junior Championship

Golf, Ill. ... June 30, 2017 ... Dubuque Golf & Country Club in Dubuque, Iowa. is set to host the 91st Women's Western Golf Association's National Junior Championship July 10-14. This will be the second time the club has opened its course and club to the WWGA.

This year promises to produce a number of outstanding players who are likely to become the LPGA stars of tomorrow.

Dubuque's 18-hole championship course is nestled in natural, gently rolling, well-manicured terrain; the fairways, deep rough and bunkers as well as the greens will make it a challenge for the best of golfers. The course has evolved into one of the most spectacular golf facilities in the Tri-State area.

The field will be comprised of top-ranked junior girls. Eligibility: entries are open to amateur girl golfers 18 years of age or younger who have not yet reached 19 years of age by July 14. The tournament format is match play with a 36-hole stroke play qualifying round to establish flights; qualifying will be played July 10 and 11. Championship Flight will be comprised of the low 32 qualifiers; all others will be placed in flights. The first round of match play will get underway July 12.

Sandra Fullmer, Galena, Ill. is serving as the Tournament Chairman. She stated, "Dubuque Golf & Country Club is looking forward to hosting this year's WWGA Junior once again. The club's Staff and members have been planning a great event for players, their families and residents from surrounding communities. The golf course is in excellent condition and is ready to test the contestants." She stated, "One of Iowa's well-known golfers, Andy Fischer, will be the Guest Speaker at the players' welcome dinner."

Former LPGA Tour pro, Fisher grew up in Iowa, her first experience on a golf course was lugging her father's golf clubs in a pull cart when she was all of 5 years old. By age 12, she was playing in the Iowa State Girls Golf tournament. When she was a junior in high school, Iowa started their interscholastic girls golf and in her first year at Northwestern, the university began intercollegiate golf for women.

When Fischer graduated from college she was one of the pioneering members of the LPGA and played on tour through the 1960s. After getting married, she and her husband settled in Dayton, Ohio. She has made a career of teaching, has been the founder of many Junior tournaments as well as programs for junior golfers in Ohio, one in particular is for children who are handicapped. She was inducted into the Waterloo, Iowa Golf Hall of Fame in 1999.

Like her mother, daughter Jamie, an LPGA member, has followed in Fischer's footsteps and is nationally recognized as one of America's top teaching pros. Jamie is the teaching professional at Conway Farms Golf Club in suburban Chicago, during the winter she teaches at PGA West in LaQuinta, Calif.

Last year's champion, Kate Lillie from St. Charles, Ill. is unable to defend her title as she is now attending the University of Minnesota. Penelope Tir, Wilmette, Ill, 2016 Junior Finalist returns to try and claim the L. B. Icely Cup.

About the WWGA ... The WWGA was founded in 1901 under the sponsorship of the Western Golf Association 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 Internal Revenue Service. Two tournaments held annually ... The Amateur Championship has been held without interruption since 1901, not even two world wars kept the tournament from being played. The Junior Championship was first held in 1920; this tournament has been held annually with the exception of a few years during WWII.

Former WWGA Tournaments ... the Derby Medal Invitational was inaugurated in 1929 and continued through 1941. In 1930 the Women's Western Open was established and held through 1967; the Open was considered a Major Championship in Women's Professional Golf. In 1979 the WWGA introduced its Senior Championship which was held until 2007; that tournament is currently on hiatus. The above-mentioned tournaments were all conducted by WWGA Directors who have volunteered their time and talent. To this day, all the WWGA Directors, who come from across the United States, are dedicated volunteers; they receive no compensation or reimbursement for personal travel expenses.

Past Champions of WWGA tournaments reads like a list of 'Who's Who in Women's Golf': Patty Berg (an 8-time champion), JoAnne Carner, Beth Daniel, Meredith Duncan, Moira Dunn, Alice Dye, Dorothy Germain, Candy Hannemann (a 3-time Junior Champion), Betty Jameson, Ariya Jutanugarn, Cristie Kerr, Brittany Lang, Pat Lesser, Stacy Lewis, Nancy Lopez (a 3-time winner), Carol Mann, Marion Miley, Grace Park, Betsy Rawls, Louise Suggs, Kathy Whitworth, Mickey Wright and Babe Didrikson Zaharias, to mention just a few.

In 1971 the Women's Western Golf Foundation was formed as an outgrowth of the Women's Western Golf Association. The Foundation was formed to receive and distribute funds to advance women in scholastic achievement and collegiate golf programs by granting academic undergraduate scholarships to deserving women students who have an involvement in golf. Over the past 46 years, the Foundation has granted in excess of \$3.5 million to more than 690 scholars representing 45 states and over two dozen collegiate women's golf programs. Its primary source of income is contributions from golf clubs and groups participating in the Annual Foundation Scholarship Day, WWGA Directors and Trustees, golf associations, individual friends of golf and benefactors.

The Women's Western Golf Association and its Foundation have no paid staff; all Directors and Trustees are volunteers who come from across the country.

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