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**WOMEN'S WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION
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Golf, Ill. ... November 10, 2013 ... Lancaster Country Club, Lancaster, Pa. will host the Women's Western Golf Association's 114th National Amateur Championship from June 23-28, 2014. The field of 144 will be comprised of the top-ranked women amateur players from across the U.S. and a number of countries.

Chartered in 1900, Lancaster Country Club is located in South Central Pennsylvania and is one of Pennsylvania's oldest private clubs. Frances Fleckenstein, WWGA's First Vice President and member of Lancaster CC will serve as the Tournament Chairman. She said, *"Lancaster Country Club is looking forward to hosting the Women's Western Amateur Championship. This course is a classic William Flynn design in which he was very involved for many years and the course is considered a classic example of his work."* Architect Flynn also designed Shinnecock Hills Golf Club on Long Island; Cherry Hills Country Club in Colo.; The Cascades Golf Course (at the Homestead) in Hot Springs, Va.; The Glen View Club in Golf, Ill. (home club of the current WWGA President Kimberly Schriver and several other WWGA Directors); and Merion Golf Club in Pa., to mention just a few of Flynn designed courses.

Fleckenstein stated, *"Lancaster Country Club hosted the AJGA Rolex Championship in 2013 and will host the U.S. Women's Open in 2015. We are expecting a very strong field for the WWGA tournament and look forward to providing a wonderful venue for the competitors."*

The WWGA's 88th National Junior Championship will be held at Knollwood Country Club in Granger, Ind. (just east of South Bend) from July 28-August 1, 2014. The field of 96 will draw top-ranked junior girls in the U.S. as well as Canada and other countries. The course was designed by Ernie Schrock.

Elsie Nemeth, WWGA's Second Vice President and member at Knollwood will serve as Tournament Chairman. Nemeth said, *"Knollwood Country Club is looking forward to hosting the WWGA Junior National Championship for the fifth time.* Staff and members are excitedly planning another memorable and rewarding experience for the contestants, visitors, and the residents of the surrounding communities. The golf course is in excellent condition and is ready to challenge competitors in another first class event."* *The tournament was held at Knollwood in 1993, 2005, 2008 and in 2010.

The Amateur and Junior Tournament entry applications will be available on the WWGA's website in mid-February 2014. www.wwga.org

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 non-profit 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 volunteered their time and talent; these farsighted pioneers in women's golf were committed to the game. 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, 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 42 years, the Foundation has granted in excess of \$3.5 million to more than 560 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.

For more information, past tournaments, history, etc. visit: www.wwga.org