First Round of Match Play Completed at WWGA Junior Championship

Match Play commenced with the first ball in the air at 7:30 am. In the First Match of Championship Flight #1 Seed and Medalist Tess Hackworthy, Madison, WI, defeated Hannah Walker, Cumming, GA, 3 & 1. Walker won the three player playoff on Tuesday afternoon to take the 32nd place in this Flight.

In the second match of Championship Fight, one of the youngest competitors in the field, Savannah Grewal, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, defeated Grace Dunn, Brookfield, MI, 2 & 1. Grewal will turn 14 in September and enter the 9th Grade this fall. She loves the 18th Hole, a par 3 on the Donald Ross designed course, because she “finds the false front of the green challenging and figuring out where to play your drive requires some thought”. The hole also looks up to the magnificent Hope Valley clubhouse designed by Aymar Embury II.

In other matches, Natalie Peterson, Holly Springs, NC, defeated Lilian Klekner-Alt, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. 1 up on the 18th hole. Madison Moosa, Charlotte, NC, defeated Georgette Garcia, Davie, FL, 3 & 1. Isabella Rusher, Salisbury, NC, defeated Jessica Hahn, Canton, OH, 4 & 2. 2nd Seed Emilia Migliaccio, defeated Sarah Jane Busey, Racine, WI, 5 & 3. Joliana Elias, Jamestown, NC, defeated Abby Chase, Beaver Dam, WI, 4 & 3. Haeley Wotnosky, Wake Forest, NC, defeated Arushi Singh, Naperville, IL, on the 19th hole. Anna Buchanan, Athens, GA, defeated Elizabeth Nguyen, Pinehurst, NC.

Defending Champion Annika Bovender, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, defeated Emily Root, Jacksonville, Florida, 3 & 2. When Bovender was asked about whether she got any good advice about Hope Valley’s golf course from her partners in Sunday’s Co-Am (Contestant-Amateur Member) Tournament, Bovender responded with: “Don’t hit your golf ball into the Club House and don’t hit your ball into the road beyond the 9th Green.” A good many of the junior contestants played in Sunday’s Co-Am and word is that most of them picked up great advice about where to aim their tee shot and how to putt on the sloping Greens.

Lauren Freyvogel, Gibsonia, PA, defeated Nicole Ciskowski, Barrington, IL, 2 & 1. Both Freyvogel and Ciskowski will enter high school this fall. 15 year old Julia Ahlemoud, Jabriya, Kuwait, who is playing in her 5th WWGA Junior, played a close match with Anna Kramer, Spring Lake, Wisconsin, ultimately winning 1 up.

In the Third Flight, Ally Buchanan, Athens, Georgia, is the winner.
Thursday promises to be a full day of golf. Starting at 7:30 am, Championship Flight will lead off the matches. This Flight will be followed by Championship Flight Consolation, 1st Flight, 1st Flight Consolation, 2nd Flight, and 2nd Flight Consolation. Winners of the morning Flights will play in the afternoon. Final matches will be played in 1st Flight, 1st Flight Consolation, 2nd Flight and 2nd Flight Consolation. An Awards Ceremony will follow conclusion of play.

Championship Flight Consolation and Championship Flight will play their Semifinal matches starting at 7:30 am on Friday. The Championship Flight Consolation will begin their Final Match at 12:30 pm and the Championship Flight Final will begin at 12:40 pm. There will be another Awards Ceremony after Friday afternoon’s play. The public is welcome to attend at no charge.

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