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**Women's Western Golf Association  
90<sup>th</sup> National Junior Championship Underway  
at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison, Wisconsin**

Madison, Wis. ... The 90<sup>th</sup> WWGA Junior is being held at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison, Wis. On Tuesday evening the week prior to the tournament massive thunderstorms hit the area and in the early morning hours nearly straight line winds of up to 80 mph rumbled through the area taking down several trees on the course. On Wednesday the course was closed for clean up as Chad Grimm, the Grounds Superintendent and his crew, along with Club President, Scott VanderSanden, were all armed with their buzzing chainsaws getting the course ready for the championship. There was no power or phone service for over 12 hours on Wednesday. Derek Schnarr, Director of Golf said that he was concerned that the tournament would not be held. *"It was a miraculous effort by Blackhawk's members as they wanted to make sure the course was in great condition; it showcases family unity within the membership."* Thursday morning brought out many club members who came to assist with clean up and like magic, the course reopened for play in late morning.

Players from thirteen states, Canada, Japan, Kuwait and Mexico are playing in this year's tournament. The course is set at 5,694 yards, 36-37-73.

First round of qualifying began today. Madison Isaacson, Greensboro, N.C. had a 39-38-77 and stated, *"I started off 3 over because I kept hitting my driver to the left but was saved as I putted well, except for the 18<sup>th</sup> hole."* Isaacson is playing in the tournament for the first time. She was named "Madison" after Madison, Wisconsin where her grandparents met and went to the University of Wisconsin. This year she won the Peggy Kirk Bell Golf Tour Masters and qualified for the N.C. Junior Girls Match Play qualifier.

Playing in her third WWGA Junior tournament, Shannon Gould, O'Fallon, Mo. plays left-handed. In 2015 she won the St. Louis Women's District tournament. Today she carded a 39-36-75 and said, *"I really like the condition of the course, I was 3 over on the front side and one under on the back. With all the up and down hills, I started getting tired, especially walking in the hot and humid conditions."*

Arushi Singh, Naperville, Ill. said she started off with a birdie on the first hole, a 352 yard par 4. *“That birdie set the tone for the day. I had 3 bogeys all due to 3 putting. I had 16 holes of straight pars and then a bogey on 17 and par at the 18<sup>th</sup> for a 38-38-76.”* Singh said, *“I like to watch criminal and mystery shows – I want to be a detective.”*

Louise McCulloch, Wilmette, Ill. will start Northwestern in the fall. *“The greens today were totally tough, tomorrow I will be able to manage them better. I love this club and was happy to see the course in such good condition especially after the storms that hit here last week.”*

Today’s results and Tuesday pairings appear on the WWGA’s website: [www.wwga.org](http://www.wwga.org)

The second round qualifier will start tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. At conclusion of play, 32 low qualifiers will go into Championship Flight; the rest of the field will be place in Flights.

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