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Brentwood, Tenn., June 15, 2015 ... The 115th Women's Western Golf Association's National Amateur Championship is underway at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club in Brentwood, Tenn. The women's course record has endured for the past 28 years when Kathleen McCarthy from Fresno, Calif. (then a Senior at Stanford University) posted a 67 in the qualifying round when this tournament was last held at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club in 1987.

The course is set at 6073 yards, par 36-36-72. Seventeen-year-old **Allisen Corpuz** from Honolulu, Hi. was the first player to post a 4-under 68 in the first round of the two-day stroke play qualifier. She said, *"I played a smooth round. There's a lot of placing the ball on this course but my ball striking has been solid. Yesterday I worked on practicing putts within 6 feet and it paid off today."* She had a 34 on the front nine with birdies on the par 5, 492 yard 3rd hole; again on the 4th hole, par 4, 331 yards and the par 3, 160 yard 8th hole; the only bogey came on the 9th hole, a 363 yard par 4. On the back nine she birdied the 11th hole, par 4, 354 yards and from 30 yards out chipped in for an eagle 3 on the 520 yard 18th hole.

The next player to post a 68 was **Sierra Brooks** from Sorrento, Fla. She was even par on the front side and 4-under on the back side; her birdie string started on the 13th hole, 444 yard par 5 and continued on the 14th and 15th with her final birdie on the 18th par 5 hole. *"I've been working hard on my game and things are starting to click."*

Shooting a 3-under 69, **Hanley Long** from Clarksville, Tenn. said, *"I was 3-under on the front nine and at one time had it down to 5-under but had back-to-back bogies on 15 and 16 but birdied 18."* She continued, *"I made a lot of putts that I don't normally make; overall it was the best round for the yardage that I have had."* **Naomi Ko** from Victoria, B.C., Canada shot a 2-under par 70. At 1-under 71 was **Lauren Hartlage**, Elizabethtown, Ky. and **Allison Lindley** from Kokomo, Ind. who had a 31 on the front nine and 40 on the back.

Tied at even par 72 are **Abbey Carlson**, Lake Mary, Fla.; **Harley Dubskey** from Valparaiso, Ind.; **Fai Khamborn**, Thailand and **Kelly Whaley**, Farmington, Conn.

Last year's Champion, **Mika Liu** from Beverly Hills, Calif. was a late withdrawal, although disappointing not to have her defend her title, the field of 152 representing 30 states and six foreign countries will now be vying for the 115-year-old W. A. Alexander silver Cup which carries a prominent list of champions names from the past including **Patty Berg, Louise Suggs, Betty Jameson, Betsy Rawls, Beth Daniel, Nancy Lopez, JoAnne Gunderson Carner** to name just a few and more recent winners and LPGA superstars **Cristie Kerr, Stacy Lewis** and **Brittany Lang**.

Stroke play qualifying will continue Tuesday. At the conclusion of play, the low 64 players will go into the Championship Flight of 64; all other players will go into Flights of 16. Match Play will begin on Wednesday morning with the first pairing going off at 6:45 a.m.

There are eleven players from the Volunteer State of Tennessee playing: **Sophia Schubert** from Oak Ridge; **Riley Rennell**, Columbia; **Blakesly Warren**, Chattanooga; **Samantha Griffith**, Oolewah; **Allison Woodward**, Unicoi; **Katie Story**, Dickson; **Hanley Long**, Clarksville; **Teleri Hughes**, Knoxville; **Jenna Burris**, Manchester; **Sam Burrus**, Nashville and **Rachel Johnson**, Nashville.

ALL RESULTS FOR MONDAY'S ROUND WILL BE POSTED ON WWGA website.

Pairings for Tuesday are posted on www.wwga.org

