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Granger, Ind. ... July 29, 2014 ... The two-day stroke play qualifying rounds for the Women's Western Golf Association's 88th National Junior Championship are complete and players with the 32 lowest two-day combined score go into the Championship Flight, all other players will be placed into flights of 16. The field was set after four players, all tied with 167s, had to play-off for one spot. Match play begins tomorrow.

First round leader, Morgan Nadaline, Anderson, Ind., carded an 82 for a two-day total of 156. She said, *"My putting was off today, I had trouble with speed of the greens and the pin placements were difficult, what can you do? I love this course but it played difficult, it seemed the wind was stronger today than yesterday."*

Sarah Shipley, Hastings, Mich., shot a two over 74 for a two-day total of 155. She birdied holes 9, 13 and 14 and nearly birdied #16. After Sarah's first round she said her older sister, Gabrielle, who is the number one player on the Grand Valley State University's Golf Team, texted her and said, *"Get over your pride and play smarter – club up,"* which definitely helped Sarah's game. Last night she bought a new driver, the same kind her sister uses and it paid off as she dropped seven strokes off her score from yesterday.

The Medalist is Emily White, Saline, Mich., who had a total 78-75=153. Emily's family also was texting her last night. She said, *"My aunts, uncles and even my 83-year-old grandfather, and yes, he likes to text, were all telling me that if I had not had a quadruple bogey and a triple bogey yesterday I would have been one under par, or shot a 71."* She continued, *"Yesterday I made a 60' putt on #17 for a birdie, today I had a chance to eagle #13 with another 60' putt but had to settle for a birdie. I'm honored to be this year's Medalist as I love playing in the WWGA tournaments."* She will begin her freshman year at the University of Michigan at the end of August.

A special trophy is awarded at the Junior Championship, the Marion Miley bracelet which was created in 1941 in memory of Miss Miley, Kentucky's all-time great

golfer. The bracelet was originally awarded to the low qualifier in the Women's Western Open which was held from 1930-1967 and considered a major championship in women's golf. When the Open was discontinued, the bracelet became the trophy for the low qualifier in the WWGA Amateur and Junior. Emily competed in this year's Amateur Championship at Lancaster Country Club in Lancaster, Pa., and had a two-day qualifying score of 151, adding her 153 score from the past two days, she becomes the winner and adds her name to the prestigious list of past winners including all time greats Louise Suggs, Peggy Kirk Bell, JoAnne Gunderson, Nancy Lopez, Cristie Kerr and Candie Kung to name a few.

For more information on the Association, visit the WWGA website: www.WWGA.org
Daily pairings and match play results will be posted on the website.

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