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Mistwood Golf Club to host the Women's Western Golf Association 118th National Amateur Championship

The Women's Western Golf Association's 118th National Amateur Championship being played at Mistwood Golf Club June 25-30 means a lot to Raymond Hearn.

He originally designed the Chicago area course, and also performed an acclaimed renovation of the layout that surrounds a beautiful 65-acre lake and features 20 St. Andrews-style sod wall bunkers.

In addition, Hearn is a former Evans Scholar, the product of a renowned program that is supported by the Western Golf Association who is in partnership with Women's Western Golf Association.

"What a great honor that this historic tournament is being played at the Mistwood Golf Club," said Hearn, the President of Raymond Hearn Golf Course Design Inc.

"The Owner, Mr. James McWethy, has made a tremendous financial commitment to Mistwood over the past years. He cares about Mistwood and the game of golf so much. The results are magnificent. I think the players will appreciate the multiple risk-reward options on each hole. Strategic options are everything in golf course design and Mistwood abounds with these options."

Hearn graduated from Michigan State University in 1883 in Turfgrass Science with Honors via an Evans Scholarship from the Western Golf Association and then went on to earn a second degree at MSU in 1989 in Landscape Architecture with his emphasis area being Golf Course Architecture also with Honors.

"Obviously I am thrilled this esteemed tournament is at Mistwood with some of the top amateurs from around the USA and around the world," he said. The recent partnership between the Women's Western Golf Association and the Western Golf Association is also very exciting. "You can't say enough about these two premiere golf associations in America. All of their historic tournaments and their love of the game speaks volumes."

Hearn won numerous national design awards for his recent redesign work at Mistwood:

- 2014 Golf Magazine – Best Public Course Renovation in the USA
- 2013 Golf Digest Magazine – One of the Best Public Course Renovation in the USA
- 2014 Golf Inc. Magazine – Renovation of the Year Award in the USA
- 2015 Golf Inc. Magazine – Third Place – Best Renovation (Global Design Competition)
- 2014 Golf Range Magazine – Top 50 Public Range Award in the USA.

The tournament field taking on the award-winning course will be comprised of the top-ranked U.S. and international women amateur players.

“I know spectators will enjoy watching these tremendously skilled amateur golfers at this historic tournament,” he said. “Supporting the players and this historic Women’s Western Golf Association event is what it is all about. I know there is a buzz in the air with regards to this tournament all throughout Chicago. I hope the tournament is a huge success, the galleries are large, the players enjoy Mistwood, and the competition is thrilling.”



New Hole #3 at Mistwood GC (A classic risk / reward par 5)

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