

2023 LPGA Tour Storylines

- The 2023 LPGA Tour schedule features 31 official events in 11 different countries and 11 different states in the U.S.
 - The states with the most official LPGA Tournaments this season are New Jersey (four), California (three) and Florida (three)
- This season's major championship venues include:
 - The Club at Carlton Woods in The Woodlands, T.X. (Chevron Championship)
 - Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J. (KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
 - Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, C.A. (U.S. Women's Open Presented by ProMedica)
 - Evian Resort Golf Club in Evian-les-Bains, France (Amundi Evian Championship)
 - Walton Heath Golf Club in Surrey, England (AIG Women's Open)
- The year also marks the return of the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown at TPC Harding Park and the 18th edition of the Solheim Cup at Finca Cortesin Golf Club in Andalucia, Spain
 - International Crown is a team competition featured players from eight different countries: the Republic of Korea, United States, Japan, Sweden, England, Thailand, Australia and the People's Republic of China
 - The final field of 32 participants and final country seeding was confirmed via the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings as of **April 3, 2023**
 - **Thailand** (represented by Ariya Jutanugarn, Moriya Jutanugarn, Patty Tavatanakit and Atthaya Thitikul) took home the crowns over Australia, with A. Jutanugarn earning the inaugural MVP Award
 - Captaining the [U.S. Solheim Cup Team](#) is 13-time LPGA Tour winner Stacy Lewis and 15-time LPGA Tour winner Suzann Pettersen is leading the [European Solheim Cup Team](#) in 2023
 - The major champions will solidify their teams by the end of summer, with the U.S. team finalized by **Aug. 28, 2023**, following the CP Women's Open
- The 2023 schedule will also feature the inaugural Grant Thornton Invitational, a mixed-team event that will see players from the LPGA Tours and PGA TOUR compete in a co-sanctioned tournament
 - It's the first time since the 1999 JCPenney Classic that the two tours have held an annual mixed-team competition; Dame Laura Davies and John Daly won that year
 - The Grant Thornton Invitational's 32-player field will be comprised of 16 LPGA Tour and 16 PGA TOUR professionals competing for a \$4 million purse – with additional format details in development
 - The three-day tournament will be televised on NBC and Golf Channel
- In 2023, active LPGA Tour players represent 36 different countries (including the U.S.)
- There are 31 Tour rookies this season representing 16 different countries (including the U.S.)
- In 2023, players are competing for nearly \$100 million in total prize money, a record-breaking amount and up approximately \$30 million compared to 2019 (\$70 million)
- The 2023 season will feature two season-long races:
 - The Race to the CME Globe will give the top 60 players following the ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge LPGA at Pelican entry into the CME Group Tour Championship and the opportunity to play for a \$7 million purse and \$2 million winner's check, the largest first-place prize in the history of women's golf

- The Aon Risk Reward Challenge, a competition on both the PGA and LPGA Tours, will feature the world's best golfers as they navigate risk across the season's most strategically challenging holes; the player from each Tour at the top of the Aon leaderboard at the end of the regular season will receive \$1 million

2023 Tournament Recaps

Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions (Jan. 19-22) Lake Nona Golf and Country Club in Orlando, Fla.

Purse: \$1.5 million

Winner: Brooke Henderson (-16)

- [Brooke Henderson](#) captured her 13th LPGA Tour victory and her third career wire-to-wire win by four shots over Maja Stark and Charley Hull (-12)
- Henderson has now captured at least one title in eight of her nine seasons on Tour

Honda LPGA Thailand (Feb. 23-26)

Siam Country Club (Pattaya Course) in Chonburi, Thailand

Purse: \$1.7 million

Winner: Lilia Vu (-22)

- [Lilia Vu](#) became a Rolex First-Time winner in her third LPGA Tour season with a one-shot victory over 2023 rookie Natthakritta Vongtaveelap (-21)
- The 2023 Honda LPGA Thailand is Vu's fourth professional victory; she has three wins on the Epson Tour (2021 Garden City Charity Classic at Buffalo Dunes, 2021 Twin Bridges Championship, 2021 Four Winds Invitational)

HSBC Women's World Championship (Mar. 2-5)

Sentosa Golf Club (Tanjong Course) in Singapore

Purse: \$1.8 million

Winner: Jin Young Ko (-17)

- [Jin Young Ko](#) successfully defended her title, winning by two shots over Nelly Korda (-15)
- Ko captured her 14th career LPGA Tour victory and first win since the 2022 HSBC Women's World Championship with scores of 72-65-65-69
- She is the first player to successfully defend their title at the HSBC Women's World Championship

LPGA Drive On Championship (Mar. 23-26)

Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club in Gold Canyon, Ariz.

Purse: \$1.75 million

Winner: Celine Boutier (-20)

- [Celine Boutier](#) earned her third-career victory at the LPGA Drive On Championship with a birdie on the first playoff hole against major champion Georgia Hall

- With the win, Boutier became the winningest French player on the LPGA Tour, passing Patricia Meunier-Lebouc and Anne-Marie Palli, and surpassed the \$4 million mark in career earnings on Tour

DIO Implant LA Open (Mar. 30-April 2)

Palos Verdes Golf Club in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Purse: \$1.75 million

Winner: Ruoning Yin (-15)

- [Ruoning Yin](#) became the season's second Rolex First-Time Winner with a one-shot victory over Georgia Hall, who earned her second-straight runner-up performance, at Palos Verdes
- Yin became just the second player from the Republic of China to win on Tour, following 10-time winner and major champion Shanshan Feng, who announced her retirement in 2022

LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei (April 12-15)

Hoakalei Country Club in Ewa Beach, Oahu, Hawaii

Purse: \$2 million

Winner: Grace Kim (-12)

- [Grace Kim](#) became the season's third Rolex First-Time Winner, winning in a playoff over Yu Jin Sung and Yu Liu
- Kim birdied her final two holes in regulation to earn a spot in the playoff and birdied 18 to become the first 2023 LPGA Tour rookie to win this season
- A 2022 Epson Tour graduate, Kim is the 12th different player from Australia to win on the LPGA Tour

The Chevron Championship (April 20-23)

The Club at Carlton Woods in The Woodlands, Texas

Purse: \$5.1 million

Winner: Lilia Vu (-10)

- After a final-round 68, [Lilia Vu](#) earned her major maiden title in a playoff over Angel Yin with a 14-foot birdie on the first extra hole
- Vu became the first LPGA Tour major champion who started the final round outside the top-10 since Sherri Turner won the 1988 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- Vu also is the second-consecutive American winner of the Championship, and was the 21st different player to make The Chevron Championship their first major title

JM Eagle LA Championship pres. by Plastpro (April 27-30)

Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles, Calif.

Purse: \$3 million

Winner: Hannah Green (-9)

- [Hannah Green](#) became the second Australian to win on Tour in 2023 after defeating Aditi Ashok and Xiyu Lin in a playoff
- Green earned her third-career victory and first since the 2019 Portland Classic, and became the seventh Australian in the Tour's history to earn at least three wins, joining Katherine Kirk (3),

Wendy Doolan (3), Minjee Lee (8), Rachel Hetherington (8), Jan Stephenson (16) and Karrie Webb (41)

Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown (May 1-4)

TPC Harding Park in San Francisco, Calif.

Purse: \$3 million (unofficial)

Winner: Thailand Team

- The Thailand Team (Ariya Jutanugarn, Moriya Jutanugarn, Patty Tavatanakit and Atthaya Thitikul) swept the Australia Team (Hannah Green, Sarah Kemp, Stephanie Kyriacou and Minjee Lee) in the final matches to [win their first Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown title](#)
- Thailand won 11 of their 12 total matches, including all six four-ball sessions
- Ariya Jutanugarn was named MVP

Cognizant Founders Cup (May 11-14)

Upper Montclair Country Club in Clifton, N.J.

Purse: \$3 million

Winner: Jin Young Ko (-13)

- [Jin Young Ko](#) earned the 15th victory of her LPGA Tour career and her third Founders Cup title after defeating Minjee Lee in a playoff; she became the first player to win the event at three separate golf courses
- Ko has now won at least once in six consecutive seasons on Tour, and joined Lilia Vu in earning multiple victories in 2023

Bank of Hope LPGA Match-Play presented by MGM Rewards (May 24-18)

Shadow Creek in Las Vegas, Nev.

Purse: \$1.5 million

Winner: Pajaree Anannarukarn (2023 Match-Play Record: 6-1-0)

- After going 2-1-0 in the group-play stage, [Pajaree Anannarukarn](#) made it through to the single elimination bracket after defeating Karis Davidson with a birdie on the first extra hole in the only playoff of the event
- Two days before her 24th birthday, Anannarukarn earned the second Tour title of her career, and her first since the 2021 ISPS Handa World Invitational
- Anannarukarn joins Atthaya Thitikul (2), Moriya Jutanugarn (2), Jasmine Suwannapura (2) and Ariya Jutanugarn (12) as Thai players to win at least twice on Tour

Mizuho Americas Open (June 1-4)

Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J.

Purse: \$2.75 million

Winner: Rose Zhang (-9)

- In her professional debut, Rose Zhang won her first title on the LPGA Tour after defeating Jennifer Kupcho in a two-hole playoff
- She accepted immediate LPGA Tour Membership after her victory

- Zhang is the first player to win while making their professional debut since Beverly Hanson did so in 1951
- She is coming off one of the most successful amateur careers in history including two NCAA Women's Golf Championship Individual titles (2022, 2023), back-to-back ANNIKA Awards (2022, 2023) and a win at the 2023 Augusta National Women's Amateur
- She is the first to win an NCAA Division I individual title & LPGA Tour event in same season

ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer (June 9-11)

Seaview, a Dolce Hotel – Bay Course in Galloway, N.J.

Purse: \$1.5 million

Winner: Ashleigh Buhai (-14)

- Starting the final round three shots back of the 36-hole lead, Ashleigh Buhai earned her second Tour title after a Sunday 65 in New Jersey and her first since becoming a major champion at the 2022 AIG Women's Open
- Buhai, a past Olympian, became the second South African player with multiple LPGA Tour wins, following Sally Little (15)
- At 34 years and 11 months, Buhai became the oldest winner on Tour since Eun-Hee Ji at the 2022 Bank of Hope LPGA Match-Play (36 years, 16 days)

Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give (June 15-18)

Blythefield Country Club – Belmont, Mich.

Purse: \$2.5 million

Winner: Leona Maguire (-21)

- Leona Maguire started her final round tied for fifth but notched her second LPGA Tour title, finishing with a 64 on Sunday at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give giving her, her first since the 2022 LPGA Drive On Championship
- Maguire became the first native of Ireland to win on the LPGA Tour in 2022
- She is the fourth player on Tour to win this year with all rounds in the 60s, joining Celine Boutier (LPGA Drive On Championship at Superstition Mountain), Hannah Green (JM Eagle LA Championship) and Ashleigh Buhai (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer)

Epson Tour Results:

- March 3-5 – Florida's Natural Charity Classic: Agathe Laisne (-9; won in a playoff)
- March 16-19 – Carlisle Arizona Women's Golf Classic: Gabriela Ruffels (-18, two-shot victory)
- March 24-26 – IOA Championship presented by Morongo Casino Resort & Spa: Miranda Wang (-12, one-stroke victory over Natasha Andrea Oon)
- March 30-April 2 – Casino Del Sol Golf Classic: Gigi Stoll (-14, one-shot victory over Natasha Andrea Oon)
- April 27-29 – Copper Rock Championship: Savannah Vilaubi (-15, won in a playoff over Jenny Coleman and Therese Warner)
- May 5-7 – Garden City Charity Classic at Buffalo Dunes: Gabriela Ruffels (-19, four-shot victory over Isabella Fierro and Agathe Laisne)

- May 19-21 – IOA Golf Classic presented by LPT Reality: Jenny Coleman (-10, won in a one-hole playoff over Sophie Hausmann and Dottie Ardina)
- May 26-28 – Inova Mission Inn Resort and Club Championship: Jiwon Jeon (-10, two-shot victory over Alyaa Abdulghany and Lindy Duncan)
- June 2-4 – Champions Fore Change Invitational: Alena Sharp (-17, two-shot victory over Ggi Stoll)
- June 9-11 – FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship: Siyun Liu (-10, one-shot victory over Amelia Garvey)
- June 23-25 – Island Resort Championship:
- July 14-16 – Hartford HealthCare Women's Championship:
- July 21-23 – Twin Bridges Championship:
- Aug. 3-6 – French Lick Charity Classic:
- Aug. 10-12 – Four Winds Invitational:
- Aug. 18-20 – Wildhorse Ladies Golf Classic:
- Aug. 25-27 – Circling Raven Championship:
- Sept. 7-9 – Black Desert Resort Championship:
- Sept. 15-17 – Guardian Championship:
- Sept. 22-24 – Murphy USA El Dorado Shootout:
- Sept. 29-1 – Tuscaloosa Toyota Classic:
- Oct. 5-8 – Epson Tour Championship:

LPGA Tour Players on Other Tours:

- Feb. 5 – **Aditi Ashok** won the Magical Kenya Ladies Open, the season opener for the Ladies European Tour, defeating April Angurasaranee and Alice Hewson by nine shots
- Feb. 11 – **Maja Stark** won the Lalla Meryum Cup in Morocco on the LET, defeating Linn Grant by four shots
- Feb. 19 – **Lydia Ko** won the Saudi Ladies International on the LET, defeating Aditi Ashok by one shot
- March 11 – **Ashleigh Buhai** won the Investec South African Women's Open, defeating Ana Pelaez Trivino by four shots
- March 19 – **Pauline Roussin** won the Aramco Team Series: Singapore individual competition, her second LET victory, after defeating Danielle Kang by four shots
- May 13 – **Linn Grant** earned her fifth LET title with a win at the Jabra Ladies Open by two shots over Celine Herbin and Anne van Dam
- May 21 – **Carlota Ciganda** won the Aramco Team Series: Florida individual competition, her seventh career LET win
- June 4 – **Hye Jin Choi** won the KLPGA's Lotte Open; her eleventh win on the KLPGA, including two wins as an amateur

2023 LPGA Tour Statistics

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2023 Statistical Leaders

Official Money: Lilia Vu, \$1,130,901

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 69.200

Birdies: Ashleigh Buhai, 172

Eagles: Jennifer Kupcho 9

Holes in One: In Gee Chun, Gina Kim, In Kyung Kim, Jennifer Kupcho, Mariah Stackhouse and Bailey Tardy, 1

Greens in Regulation: Hyo Joo Kim, 75.5%

Average Driving Distance: Xiaowen Yin, 282.000

Strokes Gained Total – Per Round: Jin Young Ko, 2.230

2023 Award Leaders

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Lilia Vu	94 points
2	Jin Young Ko	75 points
3	Nelly Korda	53 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Hae Ran Ryu	381 points
2	Grace Kim	240 points
3	Natthakritta Vongtaveelap	168 points

Rolex ANNIKA Major Award		
1	Lilia Vu	60 points
2	Angel Yin	24 points
3	Nelly Korda	18 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
T1	Hae Ran Ryu	-1.000
T1	Atthaya Thitikul	-1.000
T1	Dewi Weber	-1.000
T1	Soo Bin Joo	-1.000

Race to the CME Globe		
1	Jin Young Ko	1,423.223 points
2	Lilia Vu	1,388.643 points
3	Ayaka Furue	1,253.958 points

2023 Wins by Country (13 tournaments, nine countries)

- 3 – United States (Lilia Vu (2), Rose Zhang)
- 2 – Australia (Hannah Green, Grace Kim)
- 2 – Republic of Korea (Jin Young Ko (2))
- 1 – Canada (Brooke Henderson)
- 1 – France (Celine Boutier)
- 1 – Ireland (Leona Maguire)
- 1 – People's Republic of China (Ruoning Yin)
- 1 – South Africa (Ashleigh Buhai)
- 1 – Thailand (Pajaree Anannarukarn)

2023 Wins by Player (13 tournaments, 11 players)

- 2 – Jin Young Ko (HSBC Women's World Championship, Cognizant Founders Cup)
- 2 – Lilia Vu (Honda LPGA Thailand, The Chevron Championship)
- 1 – Pajaree Anannarukarn (LPGA Bank of Hope LPGA Match-Play presented by MGM Rewards)
- 1 – Celine Boutier (LPGA Drive On Championship)
- 1 – Ashleigh Buhai (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer)
- 1 – Hannah Green (JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro)
- 1 – Brooke Henderson (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions)
- 1 – Grace Kim (LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei)
- 1 – Leona Maguire (Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give)
- 1 – Ruoning Yin (DIO Implant LA Open)
- 1 – Rose Zhang (Mizuho Americas Open)

Average Age of 2023 Winners: 25.46

Youngest Winner: Rose Zhang (20 years, 11 days)

Oldest Winner: Ashleigh Buhai (36 years, 11 months)