

## 2023 LPGA Tour Storylines

- The 2023 LPGA Tour schedule features 32 official events in 12 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 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Solheim Cup at Finca Cortesin Golf Club in Andalucia, Spain
  - International Crown is a team competition that will feature 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 will be confirmed via the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings as of **April 3, 2023**
  - 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

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### **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)
- March 24-26 – IOA Championship presented by Morongo Casino Resort & Spa:
- March 30-April 2 – Casino Del Sol Golf Classic:
- April 27-29 – Copper Rock Championship:
- May 5-7 – Garden City Charity Classic at Buffalo Dunes:
- May 19-21 – IOA Golf Classic presented by LPT Reality:
- May 26-28 – Inova Mission Inn Resort and Club Championship:
- June 9-11 – FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship:
- 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:

## On Other Tours:

- Feb. 5 – **Aditi Ashok** won the Magical Kenya Ladies Open, the season opener for the Ladies European Tour, defeating April Angurasarane 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 4 – **Lily May Humphreys** won her first LET title at the Joburg Ladies Open, defeating Ana Pelaez Trivino and Moa Folke by two shots
- 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

## 2023 LPGA Tour Statistics

Visit the [LPGA Statistical Database](#) for more

### 2023 Statistical Leaders

Official Money: Jin Young Ko, \$317,079

Scoring Average: Natthakritta Vongtaveelap, 66.75

Birdies: Nelly Korda, 57

Eagles: Nelly Korda, Maria Fassi, Jennifer Kupcho, Yuka Saso and Hinako Shibuno, 3

Holes in One: 0

Greens in Regulation: Hyo Joo Kim and Jin Young Ko, 86.1%

Average Driving Distance: Emily Kristine Pedersen, 285 yards

Strokes Gained Total – Per Round: Atthaya Thitikul, 2.780

### 2023 Award Leaders

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Jin Young Ko	35 points
T2	Brooke Henderson	30 points
T2	Lilia Vu	30 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Frida Kinhult	-1.500
2	Moriya Jutanugarn	-1.167
T3	17 players	-1.000

Race to the CME Globe		
T1	Nelly Korda	597.5 points
T1	Jin Young Ko	597.5 points
3	Lilia Vu	552 points

### 2023 Wins by Country (Three tournaments, three countries)

1 – Canada (Brooke Henderson)

1 – Republic of Korea (Jin Young Ko)

1 – United States (Lilia Vu)

### 2023 Wins by Player (Three tournaments, Three players)

1 – Brooke Henderson (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions)

1 – Jin Young Ko (HSBC Women's World Championship)

1 – Lilia Vu (Honda LPGA Thailand)

# INFORMATION



**Average Age of 2023 Winners:** 25.66

Youngest Winner: Brooke Henderson and Lilia Vu (25 years, 4 months, 12 days)

Oldest Winner: Jin Young Ko (27 years, 7 months, 26 days)