



Storylines from the 2024 Portland Classic

The LPGA Tour's [Portland Classic](#) returns to Columbia Edgewater Country Club in Portland, OR next week, with tournament play set for August 1-4. This year's event features a number of exciting storylines, which I am excited to share with you today.

Media are welcome to apply for credentials for the Portland Classic at <https://www.lpgamediacredentials.com/>. We look forward to coverage of the event!

Longest Running Non-Major on the LPGA Tour

Entering its 52nd year, the Portland Classic is the longest running event on the LPGA Tour outside of the major championships. The event has a storied history, with a number of distinguished LPGA Tour players having lifted the Portland Classic trophy, like LPGA Tour Hall of Famers **Annika Sorenstam**, **Juli Inkster** and **Nancy Lopez**, as well as current Tour stars **Brooke Henderson**, **Hannah Green** and **Stacy Lewis**.

Columbia Edgewater Country Club, a favorite stop on Tour for many players, will host the event for the 34th time in 2024.

Portland Classic Plays Prelude to Olympic Golf

This year's Portland Classic is the final stop on Tour before Olympic Women's Golf competition kicks off in Paris. Several of the Portland Classic's past champions will be representing their countries this year in the Olympics, including Henderson (Canada), Green (Australia), **Jin Young Ko** (Republic of Korea) and **Georgia Hall** (England).

Which future Olympian will claim this year's Portland Classic title?

Local Celebs in the Portland Pro-Am

On Wednesday, July 31, LPGA Tour players will tee-it-up alongside amateurs during the Portland Classic Official Pro-Am, with some big local names joining the fun. Playing in this year's pro-am are:

- Portland Timber's Assistant Coach **Liam Ridgewell**
- Portland Timber's mascot **Timber Joey**
- Oregon State Head Women's Basketball Coach **Scott Rueck**
- **Jenny Nguyen**, owner and founder of The Sports Bra

A Big Opportunity for Solheim Cup Hopefuls

The LPGA Tour's biggest international competition, the Solheim Cup, returns to the United States on September 13-15. Following their draw with Europe in 2023, the U.S. Team will look to fully claim the trophy on home turf.

The Portland Classic is the third-to-last event for U.S. players to qualify for the 2024 team, and a number of Solheim Cup hopefuls will be teeing-it-up in Portland to secure their spot. The top-7 players on the [Solheim Cup Standings](#) will automatically qualify for the team and two more will earn a spot through the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings. The last three will be hand selected by U.S. Team Captain Lewis, who will be monitoring the performance of U.S. players while playing in the Portland Classic herself.

Some potential Solheim cup players to watch next week in Portland are:

- 2023 U.S. Women's Open Champion **Allisen Corpuz**
- 2023 Solheim Cup participant **Cheyenne Knight**
- 2022 Portland Classic champion **Andrea Lee**
- Two-time Solheim Cup participant **Jennifer Kupcho**
- **Lauren Coughlin**, looking to make her first Solheim Cup appearance
- Three-time Solheim Cup participant **Angel Yin**

Local players in the field

There are currently four native Oregonians in the 2024 Portland Classic field. Former Oregon Duck and Columbia Edgewater member **Caroline Inglis** headlines the Oregon contingent, with fellow LPGA Tour player **Gigi Stoll**, of Beaverton, OR, joining her. Tigard, Oregon's **Victoria Gailey** will be making her LPGA Tour debut in Portland, as will Redmond's **Yvonne Yu Qi Vinceri**, who won the Les Schwab Tires Amateur Open in June to earn a spot in the field.

Interviews with any of the following players, or others in the field, can be scheduled upon request. Pre-tournament press conferences, which will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, will include:

- Chanettee Wannasaen, defending Portland Classic champion
- Andrea Lee, 2022 Portland Classic champion
- Stacy Lewis, 2017 Portland Classic champion
- Victoria Gailey, Oregonian sponsor invite
- Yvonne Yu Qi Vinceri, Oregonian sponsor invite
- Ingrid Lindblad, 2024 Juli Linkster Award winner

Please note this is a preliminary press conference list and is subject to change.

Family Friendly Fun

In the entirety of its 52-year history, the Portland Classic has been a fan- and family-favorite on Tour. In addition to great competition between the best golfers in the world, fans will enjoy:

- **Umpqua Family Fun Zone** - Kids and adults of all ages will have a blast playing games by Discover Golf and enjoying complimentary snow cones
- **Food Trucks** - Spectators will savor food and beverages at the all-local, best-of-Portland food trucks
- **Les Schwab's Junior Tournament** - For girls ages 7-18, the tournament will take place on Saturday, August 3rd. This one-day tournament is held at Columbia Edgewater's Par 3 course
- **Beer Gardens** – There will be two beer gardens at the course so spectators can grab a refreshment while they walk the course and encourage the player

Ticket sales begin at only \$15, plus fees, with special free admittance opportunities for active military members and veterans, Regence members, AAA members (on AAA Day, Thursday, August 4) and kids under 17. Tickets can be purchased at www.portlandclassic.com/tickets.

The deadline for media to apply for credentials is midnight on Monday, July 29. Please reach out with any questions or media requests. Thank you for your coverage of the 2024 Portland Classic!

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