



**Portland Classic**  
Columbia Edgewater Country Club | Portland, OR | August 1-4, 2024

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes  
July 30, 2024

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE**

(Zoom link for pre-tournament availability is distributed upon request; All times are local and subject to change)

Wednesday, July 31

- 12:00 p.m. – Andrea Lee, 2022 Portland Classic champion
- 1:00 p.m. – Victoria Gailey, Oregon local and sponsor invite
- 1:30 p.m. – Stacy Lewis, 2017 Portland Classic champion and U.S. Team Solheim Cup Captain
- 2:00 p.m. – Gigi Stoll, LPGA Tour rookie and Oregon local

**THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2024 PORTLAND CLASSIC**

- This is the 52nd playing of the Portland Classic, which is the longest-running non-major tournament on the LPGA Tour
  - The Portland Classic was first played in 1972 and won by LPGA Tour Hall of Famer **Kathy Whitworth**
    - Twelve past champions of the event are LPGA Hall of Famers, including Whitworth, JoAnne Carner, Donna Caponi, Judy Rankin, Amy Alcott, Sandra Haynie, Nancy Lopez, Betsy King, Patty Sheehan, Juli Inkster, Annika Sorenstam and Lorena Ochoa
  - The tournament was an unofficial team event on the LPGA Tour from 1977 to 1982
  - In 2013, the tournament became a 72-hole event after over 40 years of being a 54-hole tournament.
  - The tournament has been held at five different venues in Portland since its inception, including Columbia Edgewater, Portland Golf Club, Riverside Golf & Country Club, Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club and Oregon Golf Club
- Columbia Edgewater will be hosting the Portland Classic for the 37th time in 2024
  - Columbia Edgewater is a private golf club opened in 1925 and designed by A.V. Macan
  - The course is located just south of the Columbia River and immediately west of Portland International Airport
  - In addition to the LPGA Tour's Portland Classic, the course has also hosted the PGA Tour's Portland Open Invitational four times in the 1960s
  - LPGA Tour player **Caroline Inglis** is a member at Columbia Edgewater
- There are three past champions of the Portland Classic in the field this week
  - **Chanettee Wannasaen** became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2023 Portland Classic
    - She won the event in just her 17th start on the LPGA Tour and her first start in the event
    - She was the third-ever Monday qualifier to win an LPGA Tour event and first since **Brooke Henderson** at the 2015 Portland Classic
    - She became the first Thai player to win the Portland Classic
    - She is making her 20th start of the 2024 season
      - Wannasaen currently sits in 16th place in the Race to the CME Globe
      - She earned her second LPGA Tour victory earlier this month at the Dana Open
      - Wannasaen has an additional two top-10 finishes this year (T8, Dow Championship; T3, Mizuho Americas Open)
      - She has missed six cuts including at last week's CPKC Women's Open
  - **Andrea Lee** also became a Rolex First-Time Winner in the 2022 playing of the Portland Classic
    - This has been her sole LPGA Tour victory
    - Lee is making her fourth start at the Portland Classic
      - In addition to her win, she has an additional top-10 finish at the event (T10, 2023)
      - She has never missed the cut at the event, finishing T42 in 2020 and T20 in 2021
    - This is Lee's 16th start of the 2024 season
      - She has had four top-10 finishes this season, including her best finish of T3 at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
      - She has missed three cuts, at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro and the Ford Championship presented by KCC
  - **Stacy Lewis** won her 12th LPGA Tour victory at the 2017 Portland Classic
    - She is making her 13th start at the Portland Classic this week
      - In addition to her win, she has three additional top-10 finishes including two runner-up results in 2013 and 2016
      - Lewis has missed the cut in her last four playings of the event
    - Lewis is making her 15th start of the 2024 season this week
      - She has one top-10 finish, a T7 at the 2024 Dana Open
      - She has missed 10 cuts this year
    - Lewis is the captain of the U.S. Solheim Cup team for the second year in a row
      - She was on the team herself four times (2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017)
      - Lewis [announced](#) her four assistant captains earlier this year; **Paula Creamer, Brittany Lincicome, Morgan Pressel and Angela Stanford**
      - There are less than [50 days left until the 2024 Solheim Cup](#)
- There are five sponsor invites in this week's field
  - Sweden's **Ingrid Lindbald** earned an exemption into the field as the recipient of the Juli Inkster Award presented by Workday
    - The Juli Inkster Award is presented to the highest-ranked women's collegiate golfer who is in her final year of eligibility
    - The Portland Classic will be Lindbald's ninth start on the LPGA Tour
      - She has played in eight major championships on the LPGA Tour, with a best finish of T11 at the 2022 U.S. Women's Open
  - Oregonians **Victoria Gailey** and **Yvonne Yu Qi Vinceri** (a) also received sponsor invitations
    - Gailey is from Tigard, OR and played collegiate golf at the University of Nevada
      - Gailey had one of the most successful careers in the history of Nevada Women's Golf, being named University of Nevada Athlete of the Year in 2023, All-Mountain West First Team (2023) and All-Mountain West Second Team (2022, 2021 and 2019)
      - She turned pro in 2023 after her fifth-year season at Nevada
      - Since turning pro, Gailey has played on the Epon Tour, Cactus Tour and ANNIKA WAPT and has one professional win at the ANNIKA WAPT FCA Women's Championship
    - Vinceri is from Portland, OR and is a rising senior at the University of Idaho
      - She won the second annual Les Schwab Tires Amateur Open in June to earn a spot in the field
      - At the University of Idaho, Vinceri has one career win at the 2023 Eastern Washington's Eagle Invitational
  - **Georgia Oboh** will be making her third LPGA Tour start as a sponsor invite this season
    - Oboh won The John Shippen National Invitational earlier this season to earn exemptions into the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give and the Dow Championship
  - **Alison Takamiya** (a) is a collegiate golfer at George Fox University in Newberg, OR
    - Takamiya has been named First Team WGCA All-American, WGCA All-West Region and First Team All-NWC during all four seasons of her collegiate career
    - She was also named the NWC Player of the Year in both her Junior and Senior seasons
    - Takamiya was the NCAA D-III National Champion in 2024 and the NCAA D-III National Runner-Up in 2022
    - She was a member of the 2023 NCAA Championship team
- **Kennedy Swann** and **Riley Rennell** Monday qualified for the Portland Classic
  - Swann shot a 69 at Riverside Golf and Country Club on Monday to earn a spot in the field

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**Tournament:** @portlandclassic (Instagram, X)

**TV/STREAMING TIMES** (All times EST)

**Thursday, August 1:** 6:00-9:00 p.m.

(Golf Channel/International)

**Friday, August 2:** 6:00-9:00 p.m.

(Golf Channel/International)

**Saturday, August 3:** 5:00-6:00 (NBC Digital);

6:00-8:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/International)

**Sunday, August 4:** 5:00-6:00 (NBC Digital);

6:00-8:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/International)

- She is a head teaching professional at Tokatee Golf Club in McKenzie Bridge, OR
- This is her second start at the Portland Classic; she Monday qualified and missed the cut in 2022
- She played professionally on the Epson Tour in 2022, making 19 starts and earning four top-25 finishes
- Swann played collegiately at both Clemson University and the University of Ole Miss
  - She was a member of the 2021 Division I women's golf national championship team from Ole Miss
- Rennell also shot a 69 to earn a spot
  - She has predominantly played on the Epson Tour this year, making 14 starts and three cuts
  - Last year, she was a rookie on the LPGA Tour
  - This is her second start at the Portland Classic, finishing T53 last year
- There are a total of 29 players in the field making their debut at the Portland Classic:
  - Rookies: Trichat Cheenglab, Isabella Fierro, Savannah Grewal, Nataliya Guseva, Yu Jin Sung, Minji Kang, Gurleen Kaur, Auston Kim, Mary Liu, So Mi Lee, Kaitlin Milligan, Benedetta Moresco, Malia Nam, Hira Naveed, Ana Pelaez Trivino, Yue Ren, Mao Saigo, Yuri Yoshida, and Liqi Zeng
  - Sponsor invitations: Ingird Lindblad, Victoria Gailey, Georgia Oboh, Alison Takamiya (a) and Yvonne Yu Qi Vinceri (a)
  - Others: Sofia Garcia, Emilee Hoffman, Natthakritta Vongtaveelap, Laura Wearn and Madison Young

#### Tournament Scoring Records at Columbia Edgewater:

18 holes: 61, Sei Young Kim (R2, 2019)

36 holes: 127, Hannah Green (2019)

54 holes: 197, Yealimi Noh (2019)

72 holes: 262, Chanettee Wannasaen (2023)

#### 2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

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Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$3,006,871

Scoring Average: Ayaka Furue, 69.887

Birdies: Ayaka Furue, 237

Eagles: Alison Lee, 8

Hole-in-Ones: Thirteen players, 1

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 75.1%

Average Driving Distance: Polly Mack, 283.661 yards

#### 2024 Award Standings

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Nelly Korda	214 points
2	Ayaka Furue	115 points
3	Hannah Green	72 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Mao Saigo	513 points
2	Jin Hee Im	418 points
3	Gabriela Ruffels	417 points

Rolex ANNIKA Major Award		
1	Ayaka Furue	70 points
T2	Yuka Saso	60 points
T2	Amy Yang	60 points
T2	Nelly Korda	60 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Atthaya Thitikul	-0.938
2	Haeran Ryu	-0.929
3	Lilia Vu	-0.900

Vare Trophy (Scoring Average)		
1	Ayaka Furue	69.887
2	Nelly Korda	69.976
3	Lilia Vu	70.175

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	3,318.944
2	Ayaka Furue	2,081.702
3	Hannah Green	1,602.871

#### [Aon Risk Reward Challenge:](#) No. 10, par 5

The 10th hole at Columbia Edgewater Country Club features a generous landing area off the tee, and while the tee shot may be welcoming, a critical decision awaits players on their approach. With water protecting the front right portion of the green and a bunker short, players will make a critical decision on whether to go for this green in two. A birdie here is likely to gain you almost a stroke against the field.

Thailand's **Atthaya Thitikul** has moved into the first-place position (-0.938 average to par) in the Aon Risk Reward Challenge; she did not play in last week's CPKC Women's Open. After her third top-5 finish in a row, **Haeran Ryu** bumped up two spots in the challenge, from fourth to second place, with an average to par of -0.929. **Lilia Vu** (-0.9000) and **Madelene Sagstrom** (-0.885) maintained each of their respective positions on the leaderboard in third place and fourth place. **Ruoning Yin** shifted into the top five (-0.875) with **Auston Kim**'s drop from first to eighth place. Of the top-10 in the Aon Risk Reward Challenge, Kim and **Mao Saigo** (10th, -0.833) are the only players in the Portland Classic field.

The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a season-long competition across the LPGA Tour that highlights the game's best players as they navigate some of the most strategically challenging holes on Tour. Players will take their best two scores from each Challenge hole, with the winners having the best average score to par at the end of the regular season. The winning woman will take home the Aon trophy and a \$1 million prize.

#### [Race to CME Globe Update:](#)

The Race to the CME Globe continues at the 2024 Portland Classic, and the top rankings remain fairly steady. Not playing in this or last week's events, **Nelly Korda** (3,318.944 points) and **Ayaka Furue** (2,081,702 points) maintained their positions in first- and second-place in the rankings. **Hannah Green** finished T14 in the CPKC Women's Open and has 1,603.817 points in third place. Last season's Louise Suggs Rookie of the Year **Haeran Ryu** finished in the top five for her third consecutive week this season at the CPKC Women's Open, and is in fourth-place in the Race to CME Globe, just 82.2 points behind Green. Following the CPKC Women's Open, there are four notable shifts to mention:

- 2024 CPKC Women's Open champion **Lauren Coughlin** moved 10 spots in the Race to the CME Globe rankings and now sits at fifth place (1,389.163 points) after earning her first LPGA Tour victory and fifth top-10 finish of the season
- **Jennifer Kupcho** earned her fourth top-10 finish at the CPKC Women's Open. After finishing solo fifth place, she moved up eight spots from 25th to 17th in the rankings
- 2024 LPGA Tour rookie **Mao Saigo** shot a record-breaking 61 in the third round of the CPKC Women's Open, helping her finish in second place. With her runner-up finish, she jumped more than 20 spots in the rankings from 39th to 18th place
- **Jenny Shin** had a T3 finish at the CPKC Women's Open, her best finish since the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G. She shifted from 49th to 31st place in the rankings

The Race to the CME Globe is a season-long points competition with LPGA Tour Members accumulating points in every official LPGA event to qualify for the season-ending tournament, the CME Group Tour Championship. The player who wins the CME Group Tour Championship is named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion." The top 60 points earners and ties earn a spot into the season finale with the entire field competing for a \$11 million purse, increased from \$7 million last season, and is highlighted by a \$4 million winner's check, which is the largest single prize in the history of women's golf.

#### [CME Group Cares Challenge – Score 1 for St. Jude Update:](#)

The CME Group Cares Challenge is a season-long charitable giving program that turns aces into donations. CME Group donates \$20,000 for each hole-in-one made on the LPGA Tour in 2024, with a minimum guaranteed donation of \$500,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is leading the way in how the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and life-threatening diseases. There have been 16 total holes-in-one made this season, bringing the 2024 donation total to \$280,000. There were no holes-in-one made at the CPKC Women's Open.

**2024 Wins by Country (19 tournaments, 8 countries)**

10 – United States of America (Nelly Korda (6), Bailey Tardy, Lilia Vu, Rose Zhang, Lauren Coughlin)  
3 – Thailand (Patty Tavatanakit, Atthaya Thitikul, Chanettee Wannasaen)  
2 – Australia (Hannah Green (2))  
2 – Japan (Yuka Saso, Ayaka Furue)  
1 – New Zealand (Lydia Ko)  
1 – Republic of Korea (Amy Yang)  
1 – Sweden (Linnea Strom)  
1 – People’s Republic of China (Ruoning Yin)

**2024 Wins by Player (19 tournaments, 14 players)**

6 – Nelly Korda (LPGA Drive On Championship, FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship, Ford Championship presented by KCC, T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards, The Chevron Championship, Mizuho Americas Open)  
2 – Hannah Green (HSBC Women’s World Championship, JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro)  
1 – Ayaka Furue (The Amundi Evian Championship)  
1 – Lydia Ko (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions)  
1 – Yuka Saso (U.S. Women’s Open presented by Ally)  
1 – Linnea Strom (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer)  
1 – Bailey Tardy (Blue Bay LPGA)  
1 – Patty Tavatanakit (Honda LPGA Thailand)  
1 – Atthaya Thitikul (Dow Championship)  
1 – Lilia Vu (Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give)  
1 – Chanettee Wannasaen (Dana Open)  
1 – Amy Yang (KPMG Women’s PGA Championship)  
1 – Ruoning Yin (Dow Championship)  
1 – Rose Zhang (Cognizant Founders Cup)  
1 – Lauren Coughlin (CPKC Womens Open)

**Average Age of 2024 Winners:** 24.850

Youngest Winner: Chanettee Wannasaen (20 years, 3 months, 5 days)

Oldest Winner: Amy Yang (34 years, 10 months, 26 days)