

Caitlin Clark Attends LPGA Tour's The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

BELLEAIR, Fla. (Nov. 13, 2024) – WNBA Rookie of the Year and Gainbridge® ambassador Caitlin Clark attended the LPGA Tour's The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican on Tuesday and Wednesday, taking part in [Parity Week by Gainbridge®](#), a grant-giving initiative to celebrate and amplify girls and women in sports and education.

On Tuesday, Clark attended the Women's Leadership Summit held at Pelican Golf Club and spoke in two keynote addresses alongside LPGA Tour Hall of Famer and tournament host Annika Sorenstam and businesswoman and entrepreneur Kathy Ireland. Following the conference, Clark spoke to golf media alongside Sorenstam, during which Dan Towriss, President and CEO of Group 1001, which owns Gainbridge, surprised Clark with the 22nd Parity Week grant of \$22,000 for the Caitlin Clark Foundation.

Transcripts from both the Women's Leadership Conference and Clark's media availability can be found at: <https://asaptext.com/orgs/lpga/1121/>

On Wednesday, Clark played in an 18-hole pro-am alongside Rolex Rankings World No. 1 Nelly Korda on the front nine and Sorenstam on the back. Towriss and Jason Rickard, a guest of Towriss, also played as amateurs, with Andretti INDYCAR drivers Colton Herta and Marcus Ericsson joining the group as honorary caddies.

Photo and video assets from Clark's participation on both Tuesday and Wednesday can be found at: <https://lpga.scoreplay.io/link?id=71050&token=b16a8a12-5361-4403-815c-7ac8c064a846>

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- Video, Golf Channel broadcast coverage of Caitlin Clark's pro-am (Courtesy Golf Channel)
- Video, Golf Channel walk-and-talk Caitlin Clark and Kira Dixon (Courtesy Golf Channel)
- Video, Caitlin Clark Pro-Am b-roll (Courtesy LPGA)
- Photos, Caitlin Clark Pro-Am (Courtesy Getty Images)
- Video, Caitlin Clark post-round interview with LPGA Host Hope Barnett (Courtesy LPGA)

Select Quotes from Caitlin Clark:

Clark following her Wednesday pro-am:

It was so fun. Obviously getting to see them do what they do up front is like people would pay for that. I got to do it for free and have fun with them. Definitely a fun morning. Feel very

thankful that Gainbridge had me out here. Obviously their support of women's sports is tremendous. Very lucky and fortunate. Hung in there; did all right. It was a good day.

Clark on participating in the Women's Leadership Summit on Tuesday:

"I think the cool thing about that is you felt the energy in the room. The amount of women sitting in there and so passionate about being a leader in their space, whether it was sport, business, whatever it is. I think that was what's so cool about it. Obviously getting to sit next to Annika on stage was pretty special for myself. I think a lot of things that me and Annika said is we share a lot of the same values. I think that's really cool, being driven but so do they at the same time. We're professional athletes or played sports or whatever it was, but at the same time in their lives it all relates. People at times forget that we're real humans too and we're driven by the same thing they are; maybe just achieving things a little bit differently. You can just feel the energy and excitement in the room. I thought that's what was so cool about it.

Clark before playing in the Wednesday Pro-Am beside Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda and LPGA Hall of Famer member Annika Sorenstam:

"I'm not a professional golfer, so I think just having fun. Getting to be with two of the best probably ever to play this game, it's super fun and special for me. I'm a fan of both of them and a fan of all the women on this Tour. I think it's absolutely incredible. It's special for myself. I've tried to practice as much as I can. I mean, you know, I'm just the average golfer. I'm going to hit some good, I'm going to hit some bad. It is what it is. Just going to try not to hit anyone standing outside of the ropes. But it'll be fun."

Clark on the excitement of preparing for the ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican Pro-Am:

"I've known about this for a while and I've been pretty excited about it for a while. Honestly, it's been in conversation before I decided if I was going to go back to college for a year. I didn't know if I would be able to make this event this year. I'm fortunate that I am. You know, having my first WNBA season behind me and being here is super cool. I've tried to take as much time as I can to practice, but there is only so much hope. You just cross your fingers, pray. No, I've practiced a little bit and I just had the quote about becoming a professional golfer. Everybody thought I was serious. I was not serious. I love it. I love being outside and making it competitive with my friends. Yeah, that's what's been fun about it. It's challenging and getting to come here and be around the best and have a good time is what I'm looking forward to."

Clark on the impact of sport:

"The thing I would say is I feel sports unites people. That's what this feels like, too. It's bringing people together where they can find joy in something. I think that's what so beautiful about sports and what I really love about it and what I loved about it my whole life. Some of my best memories from being a kid or spending time with my family or friends have been around sports and how it brings people together. That's exactly what this feels like, and I'm sure I'll remember this for the rest of my life."

Clark on women's golf stepping into the spotlight:

"I don't think I have any advice really. They're doing pretty great. I think one of the coolest things is when people show up for the first time and then they continue to come back. Once they give it an opportunity they see how great the product is, you know, whatever that is. Whether they turn on the TV and then they're going to turn it on again. Whether they buy a ticket and they're following alongside, sitting in the seats at a game. People realize how tremendous the product is and how great women's sports are. I think that's been not my biggest piece of advice, but give it a chance. Turn it on. Watch it. You see how tremendous the product is. Obviously women's basketball has grown a lot, but it's every women's sport. It's across the board, and I think that that's what's really cool. It's only growing, but still so much room to keep going and going. As somebody that loved women's sports from a young age, it really gets me excited about the future of where it can go."

Select Quotes from Annika Sorenstam:

Sorenstam on what it has meant to be a trailblazer in her career on and off the course:

"I'm very goal driven. I like to achieve things and like to push myself and see how good I can be at something. Just always thought reaching my full potential has been the goal. I think a lot of people compare with others and it's hard. We're all individuals and we all have our potentials and strengths and weaknesses. Always just trying to be a better person and see where that takes me. I guess I don't settle for little things. I see how far I can get. I always tell the young girls that we work with in The ANNIKA Foundation, you can set the bar high, and a lot of the girls are afraid to set the bar high because in case they don't get there they feel like it's a failure. If you set the bar up here maybe you don't get here, but you got further than you started. I've never been afraid to set the bar high and keep pushing. That's what motivates me and gets me up in the morning, what can I do today that I didn't do yesterday? I guess I don't really look at it the way that you maybe talk about trailblazers. I kind of go with the flow. Never stop, right? Never stop. Just keep on going."

Sorenstam's advice for Clark on the course:

"I'm sure she's going to get quite a few lessons with Nelly [Korda]. Nelly will be about power and hitting it long. You said you're strong. Maybe I have to come in and fine tune that part of it. You're an athlete and you're used to crowds, and I'm sure you play better under pressure. I'm a senior golfer now, so I have been working a little bit on my game because I needed to. It's all about having fun. Playing with Dan [Towriss] over there. It's all about having fun and sharing experiences. It's going to be very memorable. Look forward to playing the golf course. I've been out. It looks great. Just to really hit a few divots out there, it's going to be fun."

Sorenstam on Clark's involvement with the ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican:

"I think she's had a big impact just in general. I look at women's sports overall, and it's just been incredible, the exposure our and interest and just the excitement, like Dan was talking about, how you sell out and the records she set in college. She's a role model, and she's an inspiration. For her to be here and how it would affect golf, we'll see, but we're probably going to see people we wouldn't see otherwise come out here. The effect that she has, I'm thinking young girls might say, well, maybe I don't play basketball I'll play golf. They look up to her. Whatever

she does, she want to do. I'm excited she's here and bringing a little more exposure to this event.”

Specific Quotes from Nelly Korda:

Korda on playing with Clark in the Wednesday Pro-Am:

“It was so amazing. She's so sweet, so nice. It was nice it kind of get to spend some time with her. We've messaged a little on Instagram beforehand but to get to respond some time with her and to see the influence that she has an people, bringing people out here, and to see how amazing of an influence she is just for sports, was really cool to see firsthand today.”

Korda on Clark inside the ropes:

“It was a great to see how relaxed she was. Obviously with the media attention she has gotten probably in the past year and a half, two years, you can see how she's comfortable playing in front of a larger crowd. And she was just really enjoying it. You can tell. Like she's definitely very talented. She was picking the ball really clean. She was losing a couple shots to the right, but I asked her how many times a week she plays and I think with the amount of obligations she has she probably gets to the golf course once a week. So just play once a week she was playing really well.”

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