



**Walmart**  
NW ARKANSAS  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
PRESENTED BY **P&G**

**This Week on the LPGA Tour**

**Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G**  
Pinnacle Country Club | Rogers, Ark. | Sept. 27-29, 2024

#### **MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE**

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

#### **Wednesday, Sept. 25**

11:45 a.m. – Gaby Lopez  
2:00 p.m. – Lilia Vu

#### **Thursday, Sept. 26**

11:00 a.m. – Stacy Lewis  
11:30 a.m. – Maria Fassi  
1:00 p.m. – Haeran Ryu  
Approx. 2:00 p.m. (following 8:40 a.m. pro-am) – Ally Ewing

#### **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**Competition Format:** 144 players; 54-hole stroke play, cut to top 65 and ties after 36 holes

**Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole:** No. 14, par 5

**Purse:** \$3 million; winner's portion is \$450,000

**Whiteline Par and Yardage:** 36-35 – 71; 6,438 yards  
(The par and yardage are subject to change through the start of the tournament)

**Course History:** Pinnacle Country Club; designed by Don Sechrest and opened in 1990, redesigned in 2009 by Randy Heckenkemper. It is owned and operated by the Hudson family with Mike Hudson serving as President. In addition to being the annual host of the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G, it also hosted the Greg Norman Challenge and the Phillips Classic.

#### **Tournament History:**

The Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G has been hosted at Pinnacle Country Club since 2007. The inaugural playing of the event in 2007, which was won by then amateur Stacy Lewis, was deemed unofficial as the tournament was shortened to 18 holes due to weather.

#### **Past Five Champions and Runners-Up:**

2023 – Haeran Ryu, 194 (-19); Linnea Strom, 197 (-16)  
2022 – Jeeno Thitikul, 196 (-17) defeated Danielle Kang with a birdie on the second playoff hole  
2021 – Nasa Hataoka, 197 (-16); Eun-Hee Ji, Minjee Lee, 198 (-15)  
2020 – Austin Ernst, 193 (-20); Anna Nordqvist, 195 (-18)  
2019 – Sung Hyun Park, 195 (-18); Danielle Kang, Hyo Joo Kim, Inbee Park, 196 (-17)

#### **Tournament Scoring Records:**

18 holes – 61, Jeeno Thitikul (R2, 2022) and So Yeon Ryu (R2, 2017)  
36 holes – 126, Anna Nordqvist (2020) and So Yeon Ryu (2017)  
54 holes – 192, Nasa Hataoka (2018)

#### **WHO IS IN THE FIELD**

##### **Past Champions (4):**

2023 – Haeran Ryu  
2022 – Jeeno Thitikul  
2021, 2018 – Nasa Hataoka  
2014, 2007 – Stacy Lewis

##### **2024 LPGA Tour Winners (8 of 17):**

Bailey Tardy (Blue Bay LPGA), Yuka Saso (U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally), Linnea Strom (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer), Lilia Vu (Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give), Amy Yang (KPMG Women's PGA Championship), Jeeno Thitikul (Dow Championship), Lauren Coughlin (CPKC Women's Open, ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open), Haeran Ryu (FM Championship)

##### **2024 U.S. Solheim Cup Team Members:**

Captain: Stacy Lewis  
Assistant Captains: Brittany Lincicome and Angela Stanford  
Players: Allisen Corpuz, Lauren Coughlin, Ally Ewing, Megan Khang, Jennifer Kupcho, Lexi Thompson and Lilia Vu

##### **2024 European Solheim Cup Team Members:**

Players: Celine Boutier, Carlota Ciganda, Georgia Hall, Leona Maguire, Emily Kristine Pedersen, Madelene Sagstrom and Maja Stark

##### **2024 LPGA Tour Rookies (22 of 26):**

Isabella Fierro, Alexandra Forsterling, Savannah Grewal, Nataliya Guseva, Jin Hee Im, Mone Inami, Minji Kang, Gurleen Kaur, Auston Kim, So Mi Lee, Mary Liu, Kaitlin Milligan, Benedetta Moresco, Malia Nam, Hira Naveed, Ana Pelaez Trivino, Yue Ren, Gabriela Ruffels, Mao Saigo, Gigi Stoll, Yuri Yoshida, Liqi Zeng

##### **Area Connections:**

*Arkansas Residents* – Maria Fassi, Lilly Russell (i)

*University of Arkansas Alum* – Maria Fassi (2019), Stacy Lewis (2008), Gaby Lopez (2016)

*Current University of Arkansas player* – Maria Jose Marin (a)(i)

##### **Sponsor Exemptions:**

Shyla Brown (a), Maria Jose Marin (a), Lilly Russell

##### **Monday Qualifiers:**

Christina Kim, Gabriella Then

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[Interview Transcripts](#)  
[LPGA Tour Online Media Center](#) (OMC): includes links to daily tournament notes, statistics and photo/video assets  
[LPGA Statistical Database](#): Request access to LPGA Tour data from 1980 to present  
[Stats Box](#): Includes all-time records, major records, purse breakdowns, stats documents, scoring files, points structures, and tournament histories  
[Media Assets](#): For access to tournament photos and videos, please contact the on-site LPGA Communications team  
[Tournament Website](#)

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

**LPGA Tour:** @LPGA, @LPGAMedia (X), @lpga\_tour (Instagram, TikTok)

**Tournament -** @NWACHampionship (X), @NWACHampionship (Instagram)

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

**Friday, Sept. 27:** 4:30-7:30 p.m. (NBC Sports Digital/International; 8-10 p.m. (Encore, Golf Channel)

**Saturday, Sept. 28:** 2-5 p.m. (Golf Channel/International)

**Sunday, Sept. 29:** 2-5 p.m. (Golf Channel/International)