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2026 AIG Women's Open

Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, England | Royal Lytham & St Annes Golf Club | July 30-August 2, 2026

In the Winner's Circle with Shiho Kuwaki

August 2, 2026

Kuwaki claims first major championship victory

Hometown/Resides: Okayama, Japan

Birthdate: January 29, 2003; currently 23 years, 6 months and 4 days

Qualified for LPGA Tour: Kuwaki is eligible to accept immediate LPGA Tour membership for the remainder of the season or defer membership until the following season with her win at the AIG Women's Open

Turned Professional: 2021

Caddie: Toru Oda

VICTORIES

LPGA TOUR: First career victory

JLPGA TOUR: Five career victories

RACE TO THE CME GLOBE

If Kuwaki accepts immediate LPGA Tour membership, she earns 650 points in the Race to the CME Globe

MONEY

Winner's prize: \$1.5 million

If Kuwaki accepts immediate LPGA Tour membership, she will earn \$1.5 million towards her official and career earnings on the LPGA Tour this year

2026 LPGA TOUR PERFORMANCE

One victory, four cuts made in four starts

OF NOTE

- Earns her first major championship victory in her seventh start in a major championship
 - Becomes the 13th player to win the AIG Women's Open as their first major championship and second consecutive player to do so following **Miyu Yamashita** in 2025
- Wins her first LPGA Tour event in her 10th start including major championships and the TOTO Japan Classic (2023, 2024, 2025)
- Becomes the first non-member to win the AIG Women's Open since **Sophia Popov** in 2020

- Becomes the first non-member to win a major championship since **Yuka Saso** at the 2021 U.S. Women's Open
- Becomes the first non-member to win on the LPGA Tour since **Youmin Hwang** at the 2025 LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
- Becomes the 37th non-LPGA professional to win an LPGA event, the 12th to win a major championship
- Becomes the third player from Japan to win the AIG Women's Open joining **Miyu Yamashita** (2025) and **Hinako Shibuno** (2019)
- Becomes the seventh player from Japan to win a major championship on the LPGA Tour
 - First since Yamashita at last year's AIG Women's Open
- If she accepts membership today, she would be the third Rolex First-Time Winner in 2026, joining **Yana Wilson** and **Gina Kim** who won the Dow Championship
- If she accepts membership today, she would be the seventh player to become a Rolex First-Time Winner at the AIG Women's Open
- Becomes the second player from Japan to win this season including **Miyu Yamashita** at the 2026 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
- View her profile on the JLPGA Tour: [here](#)
 - Currently ranks first in the JLPGA Mercedes Ranking
 - Has five wins on the JLPGA Tour
 - Recorded an albatross earlier this year at the Bridgestone Ladies Open in May; was the 13th albatross recorded in JLPGA Tour history and the first in 11 years