



2026 Blue Bay LPGA

Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Course | Hainan Island, Hainan, People's Republic of China | Mar. 5-8, 2026

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 10 Ruoning Yin](#)
 - Third start at Blue Bay LPGA
 - 2025 – T23, 2024 – 59
 - This is her fourth start of the season
 - Has made the cut in all three previous starts
 - Season-best finish of T15 at Honda LPGA Thailand
 - 2025: 14 cuts made in 16 starts with two top 10s
 - Season-best finish of T2 at The Chevron Championship and the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion
 - Represented the People's Republic of China in the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Career: Five wins, 20 top 10 finishes, and \$7.5 million in career earnings
 - Won the 2023 KPMG Women's PGA Championship to earn her first major
 - Represented the People's Republic of China at the 2024 Paris Olympics (T10)
 - Became the second player from the People's Republic of China to win on the LPGA Tour with her victory at the 2023 DIO Implant LA Open
 - Had three career victories on the CLPGA before joining the LPGA Tour

- [Rolex Rankings No. 16 Rio Takeda](#)
 - Second start at the Blue Bay LPGA
 - 2025 – 1
 - Won in her first appearance to earn her second career LPGA Tour victory
 - 2025: 28 cuts made in 30 starts with one win and seven additional top 10s
 - Was an LPGA Tour rookie in 2025
 - Won the 2025 Blue Bay LPGA
 - Ended her season by making 20 straight cuts
 - Finished T2 at the Women’s U.S. Open presented by Ally
 - Represented the People’s Republic of China in the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Career: Two wins, nine top 10 finishes, and \$3.0 million in career earnings
 - Won the 2024 TOTO Japan Classic as a non-member
 - Deferred immediate LPGA Tour membership offered as part of her non-member victory until the 2025 season
 - Won eight times on the CLPGA, including the co-sanctioned TOTO Japan Classic
 - Made six starts on the LPGA Tour before joining in 2025, four of which were major championships
- [Rolex Rankings No. 28 Auston Kim](#)
 - Finished second at the 2026 HSBC Women’s World Championship last week
 - Third start at the Blue Bay LPGA
 - 2025 – T12, 2024 – T37
 - 2025: 19 cuts made in 25 starts with five top 10s
 - Season-best finish of T2 at the KPMG Women’s PGA Championship
 - Finished 16th in the Race to the CME Globe, her best career result
 - Career: Nine top 10s and \$2.6 million in career earnings
 - Joined the LPGA Tour in 2024 after finishing third on the Epson Tour Official Money List during the 2023 season
 - Finished 63 in the 2024 Race to the CME Globe in her rookie season in 2024
 - Won the 2023 Epson Tour Championship

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- Eighth edition of the event
 - All eight editions of the event have taken place at Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Course
 - The event was not held from 2019-2023
- **Rio Takeda**, the 2025 champion, and **Bailey Tardy**, the 2024 champion, are both in the field
 - Tardy holds the 72-hole scoring record at the Blue Bay LPGA at 269
- Four amateurs are in the field, as well as 20 CGA players
- There are five sponsor invitations in the field: **Muni He**, **Yaxuan Huang (a)**, **Yujie Liu (a)**, **Ziyan Meng (a)**, **Xinyu Wang (a)**
- Tournament scoring records:
 - 18 holes: 64, Rio Takeda (R4, 2025); Savannah Grewal (R3, 2024)
 - 36 holes: 132, Minjee Lee (2016)
 - 54 holes: 200, Lee-Anne Pace (2014)
 - 72 holes: 269, Bailey Tardy (2024)

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Hannah Green, \$501,678

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 67.67

Strokes Gained Total: Nelly Korda, 4.58

Greens in Regulation: Andrea Lee and Nelly Korda, 83.33%

Scrambling Percentage: Amy Yang, 100%

Average Driving Distance: Auston Kim, 285.44 yards

SEASON-LONG INITIATIVES

Race to CME Globe

The Race to the CME Globe is a season-long points competition with LPGA Tour Members accumulating points in every official LPGA Tour 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, highlighted by a \$4 million winner's check, which is the largest winner's prize in the history of women's golf.

- **Jeeno Thitikul** remains number 1 with her win at the Honda LPGA Thailand
 - Has 618.000 points
- **Hannah Green** moved to number 2 with her win last week at the HSBC Women's World Championship with 600.000 points

Aon Risk Reward Challenge No. 14 at Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Course

The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a unique, season-long competition on 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 Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole, with the winners having the best average score to par at the end of the regular season. The winner will take home the Aon trophy and a \$1 Million prize.

- **Bailey Tardy** leads at -2.000
- **Jennifer Jupcho** won the 2025 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
- The par-5, 14th hole at Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Course offers a scoring opportunity for players who can capitalize on their driving distance off the tee
 - The penalty for missing the fairway is minimal, with a 0.24 stroke loss, making it one of the least penalizing holes on the course
 - On the second shot, players must decide whether to risk carrying the water crossing the fairway to go for the green in two, or to lay up
 - Players who drove the ball over 305 yards last year gained an average of 0.23 strokes on the field

CME Group Cares Challenge

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 2025, 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 were 22 holes in one throughout the 2025 season
- The total for 2025 was \$440,000 donated toward St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

- 33 all-time eligible holes-in-one since the program started in 2019
- \$3,380,000 all-time amount donated