



2026 ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern
 Seaview, Bay Course | Galloway, N.J. | May 29-31, 2026

Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are local and subject to change; ET)

Thursday, May 28

9 a.m. - **Melanie Green**, 2026 LPGA Rookie

10 a.m. - **Brooke Biermann**, Epon Tour player and Sponsor Invitation

Approx 1 p.m. - **Azahara Munoz** and **Cheyenne Knight**, LPGA Tour Moms and members of Team ShopRite

Approx 2 p.m. - **Gianna Clemente** and **Rachel Kuehn**, Sponsor Invitations and members of Team ShopRite

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- **Rolex Rankings No. 7 Charley Hull**
 - Fifth start at the ShopRite LPGA Classic powered by Wakefern and first since 2021
 - 2021– T57, 2020 – CUT, 2017 – CUT, 2016 – T-14
 - 2026: Five cuts made in seven starts with two top 10 finishes

- Finished T10 at The Chevron Championship and the HSBC Women's World Championship
- Hull won the PIF Saudi Ladies International on the Ladies European Tour in February, her fifth win on the LET
- Career: Three wins, 44 top 10s; \$11.2 million in official career earnings
 - Won the 2025 Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G, 2022 Ascendant LPGA Benefiting the Volunteers of America and the 2016 CME Group Tour Championship
 - Seven-time member of the European Solheim Cup Team
 - Youngest member of the European Solheim Cup team at 17 years, 4 months and 25 days
 - Has represented England at two International Crowns (2016, 2018) and two Olympics (2016, T7 and 2024, T27)
 - This season she peaked at No.3 in the Rolex Rankings, which is the highest ranking ever for an Englishwoman
 - Also competes on the Ladies European Tour
 - Has five career victories
 - Was named 2013 LET Rookie of the Year
 - Won the 2014 Order of Merit and Player of the Year
- **Rolex Rankings No. 24 and Defending Champion Jennifer Kupcho**
 - Fifth start at the ShopRite LPGA Classic powered by Wakefern
 - 2025 – WIN, 2021 – CUT, 2020 – 2, 2019 – T43
 - 2026: Nine cuts made in ten starts with one top 10 finish
 - Finished T8 at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G in her last start for her first top 10 of the season
 - Career: Four wins, 26 top 10s; \$6.9 million in official career earnings
 - Won the 2025 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer, 2022 The Chevron Championship, 2022 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, 2022 Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational
 - Three-time member of the United States Solheim Cup Team
 - 2025 Aon Risk Reward Challenge winner
 - Won the inaugural 2019 Augusta National Women's Amateur
 - Won the 2018 NCAA Individual Championship title for Wake Forest University

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the 38th playing of the ShopRite LPGA
 - ShopRite has been the title sponsor since 1992
 - This is one of the LPGA Tour's longest running non-majors
 - This is one of two 54-hole events on the LPGA Tour's schedule including the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
- There are five sponsor invites to this event:
 - **Brooke Biermann**
 - Currently competes on the Epson Tour
 - Played collegiate golf at the University of Michigan
 - **Gianna Clemente**
 - Currently competes on the Epson Tour, has made 7 cuts in 7 starts
 - Member of Team ShopRite

- **Rachel Kuehn**
 - Currently competes on the Epson Tour, has made 7 cuts in 7 starts
 - Played collegiate golf at Wake Forest University
 - Member of Team ShopRite
- **Mia Hammond (a)**
 - Committed to play collegiate golf at Duke University
 - Won on Epson Tour as an amateur in 2025 at the Greater Toledo Classic
 - Received a sponsor invitation after her high school graduation was rescheduled causing her to miss the Monday Qualifier
- **Annabelle Pancake-Webb**
 - Currently competes on the Epson Tour
 - Finished T2 in her last start
 - Played collegiately at Clemson University

STAT LEADERS

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$2,886,790

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 68.15

Greens in Regulation: Haeran Ryu, 79.88%

Scrambling Percentage: Nelly Korda, 73.45%

Average Driving Distance: Julia Lopez Ramirez, 291.39 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 an \$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.

- **Nelly Korda** remains in first following back-to-back wins at The Chevron Championship and Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
 - Has 2,600.000 points
- **Hyo Joo Kim** remains in second with 1,482.500 points
- **Jeeno Thitikul** returned to third following her win at the Mizuho Americas Open, has 1,324.000 points

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 18 at Seaview Bay 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.

- **Ryann O'Toole** leads at -1.250
- **Jennifer Kupcho** won the 2025 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
- No. 18 at Seaview Bay Course

- The final hole at Seaview Bay Course requires accuracy off the tee in order to take on the risk and go for the green in two.
- Players who find the fairway are expected to go for the green at a clip of almost nine-times more with their second shot than those who find the rough or fairway bunker.
- In 2025, future Aon Risk Reward Challenge Champion, Jennifer Kupcho, made birdies in rounds 2 and 3 on her way to a one-shot victory.

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.

- **Jodi Ewart Shadoff** carded her seventh ace on the LPGA Tour at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
- Through 2026, there have been eight recorded hole-in-ones with a total donation of \$160,000 bringing the all-time amount donated to \$3.5 million
- There were 22 holes in one throughout the 2025 season
- 339 all-time eligible holes-in-one since the program started in 2019