



**This Week on the LPGA Tour**  
**Cognizant Founders Cup**  
Upper Montclair Country Club | Clifton, NJ | May 9-12, 2024

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE**

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

**Tuesday, May 7**

Minjee Lee – 10:30 a.m.  
Jin Young Ko – 12:30 p.m.  
Ashley Shaw (Winner of The JOHN SHIPPEN Cognizant Cup) – 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 8**

Pioneers Pat Bradley and Beth Daniel – 10 a.m.  
Azahara Munoz and Caroline Masson – TBD  
Nelly Korda – Before pro-am time (1:40 p.m.)

**TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole:** No. 12, Par 5

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

**Whiteline Par and Yardage:** 36-36 – 72; 6,536 yards  
(The par and yardage are subject to change through the start of the tournament)

**Course History:** [Upper Montclair Country Club](#)

Upper Montclair Country Club was originally designed in the early 1920's by A.W. Tillinghast and was renovated in the 1950's, directed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. The course was founded in 1901 after a group of golfers who played on a 5-hole golf course in Montclair meadow merged with a social organization called the "Upper Ten Club." Most recently, the club completed a master plan golf course renovation project in 2011 that included new drainage and irrigation while reshaping and restoring all of the bunkers at the facility.

**Events hosted at Upper Montclair Country Club**

*2022-present:* Cognizant Founders Cup  
*2007-2009:* LPGA Sybase Classic  
*1993-2002:* Cadillac NFL Classic  
*1983-1984:* LPGA Chrysler-Plymouth Classic  
*1979-1980:* LPGA Coca-Cola Classic  
*1970:* Dow Jones Open  
*1962, 1966-1968:* Thunderbird Classic

**Tournament History:**

*2022-present:* Played as the Cognizant Founders Cup at Upper Montclair Country Club in Clifton, NJ  
*2021:* Played as the Cognizant Founders Cup at Mountain Ridge Country Club in Clifton, NJ  
*2017, 2019:* Played as the Bank of Hope Founders Cup at Wildfire Golf Club in Phoenix  
*2014-16, 2018:* Played as the JTBC Founders Cup at Wildfire Golf Club in Phoenix  
*2011-2013:* Played as the RR Donnelley Founders Cup at Wildfire Golf Club in Phoenix  
\*This event was not played in 2020

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

*2023* – Jin Young Ko, 275 (-13); defeated Minjee Lee on the first playoff hole  
*2022* – Minjee Lee, 269 (-19); Lexi Thompson, 271 (-17)  
*2021* – Jin Young Ko, 270 (-18); Caroline Masson, 270 (-14)  
*2019* – Jin Young Ko, 266 (-22); Nelly Korda, Yu Liu, Jessica Korda, Carlota Ciganda, 267 (-21)  
*2018* – Inbee Park, 269 (-19); Laura Davies, Ariya Jutanugarn, Marina Alex, 274 (-14)

**Tournament Scoring Records (Overall):**

*18 holes* – 61, Anna Nordqvist (R3, 2017) at Wildfire Golf Club  
*36 holes* – 129, Jee Young Lee (2013) and Sei Young Kim (2016) at Wildfire Golf Club  
*54 holes* – 195, Anna Nordqvist (2017) at Wildfire Golf Club  
*72 holes* – 261, Sei Young Kim (2016) at Wildfire Golf Club

**Tournament Scoring Records from Upper Montclair Country Club:**

*18 holes* – 63, Atthaya Thitikul (R4, 2022), Madelene Sagstrom (R1, 2022) and Minjee Lee (R2, 2022)  
*36 holes* – 130, Minjee Lee (2022)  
*54 holes* – 199, Minjee Lee (2022)  
*72 holes* – 269, Minjee Lee (2022)

**WHO IS IN THE FIELD**

**Past Champions (6):**

*2023, 2021, 2019* – Jin Young Ko  
*2022* – Minjee Lee  
*2017* – Anna Nordqvist  
*2016* – Sei Young Kim  
*2013* – Stacy Lewis  
*2012* – Yani Tseng

**2024 LPGA Tour Winners (5 of 5):**

Lydia Ko (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions), Nelly Korda (LPGA Drive on Championship, FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship, Ford Championship presented by KCC, T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards, **The Chevron Championship**), Patty Tavatanakit (Honda LPGA Thailand), Hannah Green (HSBC Women's World Championship, JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro) and Bailey Tardy (Blue Bay LPGA)

**2024 LPGA Tour Rookies (17 of 26):**

Isabella Fierro, Savannah Grewal, Nataliya Guseva, Jin Hee Im, Mone Inami, Minji Kang, Gurleen Kaur, Auston Kim, So Mi Lee, Mary Liu, Malia Nam, Hira Naveed, Gabriela Ruffels, Mao Saigo, Yu Jin Sung, Yuri Yoshida, Liqi Zeng

**New Jersey Natives:**

Marina Alex

**Sponsor Exemptions:**

Ashley Shaw (Winner of The JOHN SHIPPEN Cognizant Cup), Bailey Shoemaker (a)

**Monday Qualifiers:**

Laura Wearn, Sophia Schubert

**LPGA ON-SITE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM**

Matt Jesus  
Coordinator, LPGA Communications  
[Matt.Jesus@lpga.com](mailto:Matt.Jesus@lpga.com)  
+1 (402) 957-4674

Carly Lyvers  
Coordinator, LPGA Communications  
[Carly.Lyvers@lpga.com](mailto:Carly.Lyvers@lpga.com)  
+1 (386) 214-9105

**QUICK LINKS**

[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:** @LPGAFounders (X, Instagram), #ActLikeAFounder