

MARILYNN SMITH SUNFLOWER INVITATIONAL

MARILYNN SMITH (1929-2019)

Marilynn Smith was one of the original 13 founders of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) in 1950, and is a charter member of the organization. A three-time President of the LPGA, Smith's influential career as a professional golfer and leader helped pave the way for future women amateurs.

Smith won 22 times on the LPGA tour, including the 1963 Titleholders, one of the major women's events at the time, in an 18-hole playoff over Mickey Wright. Before creating the LPGA tour, Smith won the Kansas Women's Amateur Championship three times (1946-47-48).

She arrived on the Kansas golf scene from Wichita. Her two-year career at Kansas was highlighted by a 1949 National Collegiate Individual title. Following the title, Smith accepted an offer from Spaulding to turn pro at \$5,000 a year. From

1954-72, she won at least one tour event in 14 of 19 years. In 1963 and 1964, she won the Titleholders Championship.

Smith's contributions and honors include serving as the two-year president of the organization she helped found. She was the first ever female television commentator for a men's professional golf tournament in 1973. In 1979, Smith received the inaugural Patty Berg Award for distinguished service to women's golf. Golf Digest presented her the LPGA Founders Cup for charitable service off the course in 1983. She was selected as one of the Distinguished Champions of the Vincent T. Lombardi Tournament in 1987. The award recognized leadership in sports and demonstration of high ideals of public good. Smith was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame under the Lifetime Achievement category.

Born in Topeka, Kansas, Smith died April 9, 2019, in Goodyear, Arizona, four days before her 90th birthday.



1994 (Oct. 17-18) - Prairie Dunes Country Club (Hutchinson, Kan.)

Top Individual
Stacy Kolb-236 (Texas Tech)

Team Winner
Oklahoma State (966)

Top KU Individual
Michelle Uher-T15th-(253)

1995 (Oct. 16-17) - Crestview Country Club (Wichita, Kan.)

Top Individual
Jennifer Hubbard-233 (SMU)

Team Winner
SMU (951)

Top KU Individual
Mandy Munsch-T12th-(243)

1996 (Oct. 14-15) - Alvarado Golf Club (Lawrence, Kan.)

Top Individual
Rachelle Tacha-230 (Nebraska)

Team Winner
Texas A&M (949)

Top KU Individual
Anne Clark-T21st-(243)

1997 (Oct. 21-22) - Terradyne Country Club (Andover, Kan.)

Top Individual
Jamie Tucker-226 (KU) and
Natasha Ausderau (Wichita State)

Team Winner
Kansas (932)

Top KU Individual
Jamie Tucker-T1st-(226)

2000 (Oct. 15-17) - Colbert Hills (Manhattan, Kan.)

Top Individual
Amelia Moses-221 (Missouri)

Team Winner
Missouri (916)

Top KU Individual
Kristy Straub-T12th-(236)

2001 (Oct. 15-16) - Alvarado Golf Club (Lawrence, Kan.)

Top Individual
Julie Hary-72 (Northern Iowa)

Team Winner
Oklahoma (306)

Top KU Individual
Heather Rose-T9th-(77)

2002 (Oct. 13-15) - Willowbend Golf Club (Wichita, Kan.)

Top Individual
Randi Gauthier-222 (N. Texas)

Team Winner
Kansas State (903)

Top KU Individual
Heather Rose-T7th-(226)

2003 (Oct. 13-14) - Colbert Hills (Manhattan, Kan.)

Top Individual
Samantha Richdale-223 (Ill. St.)

Team Winner
Kansas State (925)

Top KU Individual
Jill Womble-8th-(234)

2004 (Oct. 11-12) - Alvarado Golf Club (Lawrence, Kan.)

Top Individual
Liz Bennett-230 (Iowa)

Team Winner
Kansas (946)

Top KU Individual
Annie Giangrasso-5th-(236)

2005 (Oct. 10-11) - Colbert Hills (Manhattan, Kan.)

Top Individual
Helene Robert-215 (Kansas State)

Team Winner
TCU (869)

Top KU Individual
Amanda Costner-6th-(220)

2006 (Oct. 2-3) - Alvarado Golf Club (Lawrence, Kan.)

Top Individual
Anita Ojeda-221 (UALR)

Team Winner
Kansas (917)

Top KU Individual
Emily Powers-4th-(225)

2007 (Oct. 1-2) - Colbert Hills (Manhattan, Kan.)

Top Individual
Julia Potter-143 (Missouri)

Team Winner
Kansas (600)

Top KU Individual
Camilla Svensson-T4th-(147)

2008 (Sept. 22-23) - Alvarado Golf Club (Lawrence, Kan.)

Top Individual
Emily Powers-149 (Kansas)

Team Winner
Oral Roberts (615)

Top KU Individual
Emily Powers-1st-(149)

2009 (Sept. 28-29) - Colbert Hills (Manhattan, Kan.)

Top Individual
Kelli Shean-209 (Arkansas)

Team Winner
Tulsa (901)

Top KU Individual
Emily Powers-T7th-(231)

2010 (Sept. 27-28) - Alvarado Golf Club (Lawrence, Kan.)

Top Individual
Grace Thiry-219 (Kansas)

Team Winner
Kansas (903)

Top KU Individual
Grace Thiry-1st-(219)

2011 (Sept. 26-27) - Colbert Hills (Manhattan, Kan.)

Top Individual
Malin Lundberg-217 (UALR)

Team Winner
UALR (891)

Top KU Individual
Thanuttra Boonraksasat-T4th-(221)

2012 (Sept. 24-25) - Alvarado Golf Club (Lawrence, Kan.)

Top Individual
Abigail Laker-143 (Arkansas St.)

Team Winner
Kansas (601)

Top KU Individual
Yupaporn Kawinpakorn-2nd-(146)

2013 (Sept. 23-24) - Colbert Hills (Manhattan, Kan.)

Top Individual
Meghan Potee-224 (Kansas)

Team Winner
Kansas (910)

Top KU Individual
Meghan Potee-1st-(224)

2014 (Sept. 8-9) - Alvarado Golf Club (Lawrence, Kan.)

Top Individual
Pornvipa Sakdee-216 (Kansas)

Team Winner
Kansas State (894)

Top KU Individual
Pornvipa Sakdee-1st-(216)

2015 (Sept. 7-8) - Colbert Hills (Manhattan, Kan.)

Top Individual
Lindsey McCurdy-214 (SMU)

Team Winner
SMU (873)

Top KU Individual
Yupaporn Kawinpakorn-T7th-(218)

2017 (Sept. 17-19) - Colbert Hills (Manhattan, Kan.)

Top Individual
Connie Jaffey-210 (Kansas State)

Team Winner
Kansas State (881)

Top KU Individual
Liz Winyarat-T5th-(221)

2019 (Sept. 17-19) - Colbert Hills (Manhattan, Kan.)

Top Individual
Niamh McSherry-211 (Kansas State)

Team Winner
Kansas State (881)

Top KU Individual
Sera Tadokoro-T4th-(219)

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2021 (Sept. 20-21) - Colbert Hills (Manhattan, Kan.)

Top Individual
Nicole Hansen-219 (Nebraska)

Team Winner
Nebraska (885)

Top KU Individual
Sera Tadokoro-T15th-(223)