

# Bettye Danoff

*LPGA Founder*

**Born:** 5/21/23 Dallas, Texas

**Residence:** DeSoto, Texas

Bettye Danoff was present at the meeting of the LPGA at the 1950 U.S. Women's Open in Wichita, Kan., as well as at an earlier meeting at the Eastern Open in Essex Falls, N.J., when Fred Corcoran was named as the tournament director of the LPGA. Danoff was nicknamed "Mighty-Mite" by her fellow Tour professionals because she was only 5'2" and 106 pounds when she first joined the Tour. Along with Alice Bauer, she was one of the first mothers to travel with her children on Tour. Her maiden name is Mims.



## Career

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- In 1950, became one of 13 founders of the LPGA.
- First grandmother on the LPGA Tour.
- In 1962, made her first hole-in-one at the Austin Civitan, where she was awarded a case of beer.
- In 1961, retired from traveling after the death of her husband to care for her children, teach golf and play events in Texas.
- In April 1949, turned professional; attended first meeting for the LPGA in May.
- In 1948, was medalist at the U.S. Women's Amateur.
- In 1947, won the Texas Open to end Babe Zaharias' 17-event winning streak.
- In 1947-48, won the Texas Women's Amateur.
- In 1945-46, won the women's division of the Texas PGA Championship.
- From 1945-48, won four consecutive Dallas Women's Golf Association Championships.
- Won her first amateur tournament in the early 1940s in Chicago.

## LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

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**LPGA Awards (1):** 2000 Commissioner's Award (LPGA Founders).