

Patty Sheehan

Born: 10/27/56 Middlebury, Vt.

Residence: Reno, Nev.

Rookie year: July 1980/1981

Status: Non-exempt

Career victories (last): 35 (1996)

Majors won: 6

Career-low round: 63

Career earnings (rank): \$5,513,409 (14)

LPGA career holes-in-one: 3

Playoff record: 5-7

International victories: 4

Education: University of Nevada, San Jose State University



Professional

Career

- In 2005, partnered with Pat Bradley to tie for first (with the team of Jan Stephenson and Cindy Rarick) at the BJ's Charity Championship, an event on the Women's Senior Golf Tour.
- In 2003, captained the 2003 U.S. Solheim Cup Team at Barsebäck Golf & Country Club in Malmo, Sweden.
- In 2002, captained the U.S. Solheim Cup Team, which successfully regained the Cup from the Europeans in a thrilling come-from-behind victory; won the Copps Great Lakes Classic on the Women's Senior Golf Tour (WSGT), the official senior tour of the LPGA; named the Patty Berg Award recipient.
- In 2001, named captain of the 2002 U.S. Solheim Cup Team; selected as one of 7,200 torchbearers to carry the Olympic flame during the Olympic torch run on its 65-day, 13,500-mile journey from Atlanta to Salt Lake City for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.
- In 1999, best finish was a tie for 15th at The Office Depot.
- In 1998, posted three top-10 finishes, including a tie for second at the SAFECO Classic.
- In 1997, posted five top-10 finishes, including third place at the SAFECO Classic.
- In 1996, captured her 35th career victory at the Nabisco Dinah Shore, her sixth major championship; crossed the \$5 million mark in career earnings with a tie for 10th at the McDonald's LPGA Championship; was a member of the victorious U.S. Solheim Cup Team.
- In 1995, won her fourth Rochester International title and her third SAFECO Classic title.
- In 1994, captured her second U.S. Women's Open title in three years; was a member of the victorious U.S. Solheim Cup Team.
- In 1993, qualified for the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame after capturing her 30th career victory at the Standard Register PING; also won the Mazda LPGA Championship, her fourth major championship title; crossed the \$4 million mark in career earnings with a second-place finish the Rochester International.
- In 1992, won three titles – Rochester International, where she tied her career-low round of 63 during the third round, Jamie Farr Toledo Classic and the U.S. Women's Open, where she birdied the final two holes of regulation to force an 18-hole playoff with Juli Inkster; won the Weetabix Women's British Open on the European Tour, becoming the only woman to win the U.S. Women's Open and the Weetabix Women's British Open in the same year; recorded her third LPGA career hole-in-one during the Phar-Mor at Inverrary; was a member of the U.S. Solheim Cup Team.
- In 1991, won the Orix Hawaiian Ladies Open; crossed the \$3 million mark in career earnings with a tie for third at the Nabisco Dinah Shore; recorded the second ace of her LPGA career at the Women's Kemper Open.
- In 1990, won five titles and became the second player ever to cross \$700,000 in season earnings; came close to a sixth title of the season, losing in a sudden-death playoff to Beth Daniel at the Phar-Mor in Youngstown; was a member of the U.S. Solheim Cup Team.
- In 1989, won the Rochester International in a sudden-death playoff against Ayako Okamoto and recorded a double-eagle on the 17th hole during the third round; became the sixth player in LPGA history to cross the \$2 million mark in career earnings with a tie for fifth at the McDonald's Championship.
- In 1988, captured two tournament titles – the Sarasota Classic and Mazda LPGA Championship, which she won in a sudden-death playoff against newly-crowned U.S. Women's Open winner Liselotte Neumann; finished second at the Rochester International after a sudden-death playoff loss to Mei-Chi Chang.
- In 1987, experienced her first winless season in seven years, but finished second on three occasions: lost to Betsy King in a sudden-death playoff at the Nabisco Dinah Shore and tied for second at the LPGA Corning Classic and Mayflower Classic.
- In 1986, won the Kyocera Inamori Classic; successfully defended her title at the Sarasota Classic; and won a four-way, sudden-death playoff over Amy Alcott, Betsy King and Ayako Okamoto at the Konica San Jose Classic.
- In 1985, won the Sarasota Classic and J&B Scotch Pro-Am; lost two sudden-death playoffs, one to Betsy King at the Samaritan Turquoise Classic and the other to Amy Alcott at the Nestle World Championship of Women's Golf; crossed the \$1 million mark in career earnings with a tie for second at the Moss Creek Women's Invitational.
- In 1984, won four tournaments for the second year in a row, including another LPGA Championship, where she tied her career-low score of 63 during the third round; won the Vare Trophy for lowest scoring average.
- In 1983, captured four tournament titles, including a successful title defense at the Inamori Classic, the LPGA Corning Classic, where she fired a career-low 63 during the final round, and her first major championship victory at the LPGA Championship; earned Rolex Player of the Year honors.

- In 1982, recorded her first multiple-win season with victories at the Orlando Lady Classic, where she defeated Kathy Postlewait in a sudden-death playoff, the SAFECO Classic and Inamori Classic; lost in a sudden-death playoff against Sandra Spuzich at the LPGA Corning Classic.
- In 1981, waited until the last official event of the season to collect her first LPGA victory, the Mazda Japan Classic; lost in a five-way, sudden-death playoff to Beth Daniel at the Florida Lady Citrus; won LPGA Rookie of the Year.
- In 1980, qualified for the LPGA Tour in July by winning the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament by five shots; best finish in six starts was fifth place at the Dallas Civitan Open; recorded the first hole-in-one of her LPGA career at the Rail Charity Golf Classic.

Amateur

Winner of the Nevada State Amateur from 1975-78 and the California Women's Amateur from 1977-78, Sheehan reached the pinnacle of her amateur career when she claimed the 1980 Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) National Championship title. She was the runner-up, behind Carolyn Hill, at the 1979 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. Sheehan also was a member of the U.S. Curtis Cup Team in 1980, where she won all four of her matches.

Personal

5'3", gray hair, blue eyes...Credits her mother Leslie, father BoBo and Ed Jones as the individuals most influencing her career...Rated one of the top junior snow skiers in the country as a 13-year-old...Named Female Player of the Year by the Golf Writers Association of America (GWAA) in 1984 and 1993...Winner of the 1986 Samaritan Award...One of eight athletes featured on *Sports Illustrated's* annual "Sportsman of the Year" cover in 1987...Received the 1988 Charles Bartlett Award from the GWAA for her unselfish contributions to the betterment of society...Inducted into the Collegiate Golf Hall of Fame in 1990...Inducted into the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame on Nov. 13, 1993...Honored with the 1994 Flo Hyman Award...Inducted into the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame in 1999...Recognized during the LPGA's 50th Anniversary in 2000 as one of the LPGA's top-50 players and teachers...Inducted into the 2005 National High School Hall of Fame for her accomplishments as a high school athlete at Wooster High School in Reno, Nev....Has two children: daughter Bryce and son Blake...Is a golf course design consultant for Greenhorn Creek Golf Course in Angels Camp, Calif., Rancharrah in Reno, Nev., and Gold Mountain in Portola, Calif.

LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

LPGA Victories (35): 1981 Mazda Japan Classic. 1982 Orlando Lady Classic, SAFECO Classic, Inamori Classic. 1983 Corning Classic, **LPGA Championship**, Henredon Classic, Inamori Classic. 1984 Elizabeth Arden Classic, **LPGA Championship**, McDonald's Kids Classic, Henredon Classic. 1985 Sarasota Classic, J&B Scotch Pro-Am. 1986 Sarasota Classic, Kyocera Inamori Classic, Konica San Jose Classic. 1988 Sarasota Classic, Mazda Japan Classic. 1989 Rochester International. 1990 The Jamaica Classic, McDonald's Championship, Rochester International, PING-Cellular One Golf Championship, SAFECO Classic. 1991 Orix Hawaiian Ladies Open. 1992 Rochester International, Jamie Farr Toledo Classic, **U.S. Women's Open**. 1993 Standard Register PING, **Mazda LPGA Championship**. 1994 **U.S. Women's Open**. 1995 Rochester International, SAFECO Classic. 1996 **Nabisco Dinah Shore**.

Unofficial Victories (2): 1992 Wendy's 3-Tour Challenge [with Dottie (Pepper) Mochrie and Nancy Lopez]. 1994 JCPenney/LPGA Skins Game.

LPGA Awards (4): Rolex Player of the Year (1), Vare Trophy (1), Rookie of the Year. 1981 Rookie of the Year. 1983 Rolex Player of the Year. 1984 Vare Trophy. 2002 Patty Berg Award.

The Solheim Cup (6): 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 2002 and 2003 (as captain).

Major Championship History

	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89
KNC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	T30	T8	T7	T38	2	T63	T23
LPGA	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	MC	DQ	1	1	T38	2	T7	MC	7
OPEN	MC	MC	MC	MC	DNP	T6	T29	T2	T5	T12	T44	T21	2	T17
DM	X	X	X	DNP	T28	6	11	T5	T8	T10	T22	MC	T23	T4

	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03
KNC	T11	T3	T3	T12	T19	T43	1	63	T42	T73	T47	MC	71	T70
LPGA	T5	T64	T7	1	T7	T3	T10	MC	MC	DNP	T46	DNP	MC	DNP
OPEN	2	T15	1	6	1	T10	T14	T9	MC	DNP	MC	DNP	MC	DNP
DM	2	MC	T13	DNP	T11	T25	DNP	DNP	T59	DNP	DNP	X	X	X

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KNC	MC	MC
LPGA	DNP	DNP
OPEN	DNP	DNP
WB	DNP	DNP

Sheehan's LPGA Record

Information above the line indicates record before originally qualifying for the LPGA Tour.

Year	# of events	Cuts made	Wins	2nd	3rd	Top 10s	Best finish	Earnings	Rank	Scoring average
1976	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	83.50
1977	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	80.50
1978	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	79.50
1979	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	77.00
1980	6	6	0	0	0	3	5	\$ 17,139	63	72.86
1981	25	24	1	2	3	15	1	118,463	11	72.52
1982	25	25	3	5	1	17	1	225,022	4	71.72
1983	26	26	4	2	4	18	1	250,399	2	71.72
1984	22	22	4	0	2	15	1	255,185	2	71.40
1985	24	23	2	4	0	16	1	227,908	5	71.59
1986	24	23	3	1	0	11	1	214,281	7	72.17
1987	23	22	0	3	1	14	2	208,107	6	71.83
1988	23	20	2	4	3	12	1	326,171	2	71.56
1989	20	19	1	1	1	12	1	253,605	5	71.24
1990	24	24	5	5	1	16	1	732,618	2	70.62
1991	22	19	1	3	1	12	1	342,204	8	71.49
1992	22	20	3	0	1	9	1	418,622	5	71.30
1993	21	20	2	1	2	12	1	\$540,547	2	71.04
1994	18	16	1	0	0	5	1	323,562	13	71.65
1995	17	16	2	0	1	6	1	333,147	14	71.69
1996	16	16	1	1	0	7	1	342,391	12	71.49
1997	17	15	0	0	1	5	3	179,453	46	71.90
1998	18	11	0	1	1	3	T2	143,771	50	72.58
1999	7	6	0	0	0	0	T15	24,903	143	72.79
2000	12	7	0	0	0	0	T41	21,919	150	73.11
2001	4	1	0	0	0	0	T42	3,022	188	75.11
2002	4	1	0	0	0	0	71	3,150	193	77.30
2003	4	2	0	0	0	0	T55	6,254	181	72.83
2004	3	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	75.50
2005	2	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	78.00