

# Helen Hicks

*LPGA Founder*



**Deceased:** 1974

Helen Hicks was one of the founding members of the LPGA. Although her married name was Harb, she competed under, and is best known as, Helen Hicks. One of the first women professional golfers, she turned professional shortly after participating on the victorious U.S. Curtis Cup Team in 1932. She passed away in 1974 of throat cancer.

## Career

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- One of the 13 LPGA founders.
- In 1940, won the Titleholders Championship, a major championship at the time.
- In 1937, won the Women's Western Open, the first professional to win the title.
- In 1934, hired by Wilson Sporting Goods and was the first woman to travel promoting golf equipment and giving clinics; the program was so successful that other women were then added to the staff (Opal Hill in 1938, Helen Dettweiler in 1939 and Patty Berg in 1940); while at Wilson, she helped to train Hill and Berg.
- In 1932, was a member of the U.S. Curtis Cup Team.
- In 1931, won the U.S. Women's Amateur and Women's Eastern Championship.
- In 1929, won the Women's Canadian Open.

## LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

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