

Betsy Rawls



Rookie year:	1951
Priority List Category:	R
LPGA Career Victories:	50
Career Earnings (rank):	\$302,664(331)
Career Low Round:	63
Education:	University of Texas (Math, Physics)
Playoff Record:	5-5



Year	Events	Cuts Made	Wins	2nd	3rd	Top 10s	Best Finish	Earnings	Rank	Scoring Average
1951	10	2	2	0	0	0	1	\$1,520	N/A	76.76
1952	12	8	8	0	0	0	1	\$11,802	N/A	75.87
1953	19	4	4	0	0	0	1	\$9,790	N/A	75.53
1954	16	3	3	0	0	0	1	\$6,805	N/A	76.85
1955	18	1	1	0	0	0	1	\$5,292	N/A	77.48
1956	20	3	3	0	0	0	1	\$5,924	N/A	78.10
1957	19	5	5	0	0	0	1	\$9,812	6	75.36
1958	17	2	2	0	0	0	1	\$7,600	14	75.81
1959	26	10	10	0	0	0	1	\$26,744	1	74.02
1960	23	4	4	0	0	0	1	\$14,928	3	74.24
1961	16	2	2	0	0	0	1	\$15,672	5	74.38
1962	31	1	1	0	0	0	1	\$11,714	7	75.83
1963	34	1	1	0	0	0	1	\$6,645	4	74.70
1964	32	2	2	0	0	0	1	\$20,645	4	74.10
1965	30	2	2	0	0	0	1	\$12,148	10	74.97
1966	20	0	0	0	0	0	3	\$11,625	16	75.20

Tournament	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
KNC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LPGA	X	X	X	X	X	DNP	23	14	13	1
OPEN	2	1	7	1	4	T19	T13	1	6	7
DM/WBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tournament	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
KNC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LPGA	3	3	T14	T6	T5	T19	T12	T31	7	1
OPEN	1	2	T21	T11	22	T26	MC	T15	T36	T20
DM/WBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tournament	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975				

KNC	X	X	X	X	X	X
LPGA	T26	T26	33	22	58	MC
OPEN	T14	36	T19	T53	MC	MC
DM/WBO	X	X	X	X	X	X

Professional

Career

- Winner of 55 LPGA events, including eight major championships (four U.S. Women's Open titles, two LPGA Championships and two Western Opens).
- From 1991-95, competed in the Sprint Senior Challenge, an unofficial LPGA event.
- In 1967, when the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame was created, was one of the six inaugural inductees; the LPGA recognized her induction year into the Hall of Fame of Women's Golf (1960) as her official induction year into the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame.
- From 1961-62, served as president of the LPGA.
- In 1960, won her fourth U.S. Women's Open to become the first LPGA player to win the Open four times (Mickey Wright joined her in 1964).
- In 1959, claimed 10 titles and captured her only Vare Trophy; finished the season as the leading money winner, earning almost \$27,000 to break the single-season earnings record by almost \$6,500 (Rawls' record stood until 1963).
- In 1952, 1957 and 1959, led the Tour in victories with eight, five and 10 wins, respectively.
- From 1951-62, won multiple events each season; from 1951-66, won at least one event each season.
- In 1951, joined the LPGA Tour and won two events, including the U.S. Women's Open.

Amateur

Although a native of South Carolina, Rawls enjoyed amateur fame growing up in Texas. She won the 1949 Texas Amateur just four years after taking up the game and repeated that triumph in 1950. Her amateur win list also includes the 1949 Trans-National and 1950 Broadmoor Invitational. In 1950, prior to joining the LPGA Tour, she finished second at the U.S. Women's Open as an amateur.

LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

LPGA Victories (55): 1951 Sacramento Women's Invitational Open, **U.S. Women's Open**. 1952 Houston Weathervane, Bakersfield Open (tied with Marlene Hagge, Betty Jameson and Babe Zaharias), Seattle Weathervane, Eastern Open, **Women's Western Open**, Carrollton Open, Thomasville Open, Cross-Country 144 Hole Weathervane. 1953 Barbara Romack Open, Eastern Open, **U.S. Women's Open**, Fort Worth Open. 1954 Tampa Women's Open, St. Louis Open, Texas Open. 1955 Carrollton Open. 1956 Tampa Open, Sarasota Open, Peach Blossom Open. 1957 Tampa Open, Lake Worth Open, Peach Blossom Open, **U.S. Women's Open**, Reno Open. 1958 Tampa Open, St. Petersburg Open. 1959 Lake Worth Open, Royal Crown Open, Babe Zaharias Open, Land of the Sky Open, Triangle Round Robin, **LPGA Championship**, Mt. Prospect Open, **Western Open**, Waterloo Open, Opie Turner Open. 1960 Babe Zaharias Open, Cosmopolitan Open, **U.S. Women's Open**, Asheville Open. 1961 Cosmopolitan Open, Bill Brannin's Swing Parade. 1962 J.E. McAuliffe Memorial. 1963 Sunshine Women's Open. 1964 Dallas Civitan Open Invitational, Vahalla Open. 1965 Pensacola Invitational, Waterloo Open. 1968 Mickey Wright Invitational. 1969 **LPGA Championship**. 1970 Dallas Civitan Open, Cincinnati Open. 1972 GAC Classic. **Unofficial Victories (2):** 1951 Hollywood Four-Ball. 1954 Inverness Four-Ball.

LPGA Awards (3): 1959 Vare Trophy. 1980 Patty Berg Award. 2000 LPGA 50th Anniversary Commissioner's Award.