

Kathy Whitworth



Rookie year:	1958
Priority List Category:	15
LPGA Career Victories:	88
Career Earnings (rank):	\$1,731,770(116)
Career Low Round:	62
Education:	Odessa College
Playoff Record:	8-20



Year	Events	Cuts Made	Wins	2nd	3rd	Top 10s	Best Finish	Earnings	Rank	Scoring Average
1959	26	26	0	0	0	0	9	\$1,217	26	80.30
1960	22	22	0	0	0	0	2	\$4,901	11	77.11
1961	15	15	0	0	0	0	2	\$6,853	17	76.05
1962	28	28	1	0	0	0	1	\$17,044	2	74.32
1963	32	32	8	0	0	0	1	\$26,858	2	73.90
1964	31	31	1	0	0	0	1	\$20,434	3	73.60
1965	30	30	8	0	0	0	1	\$28,658	1	72.61
1966	31	31	9	0	0	0	1	\$33,517	1	72.60
1967	28	28	8	7	2	21	1	\$32,937	1	72.74
1968	30	30	10	7	3	29	1	\$48,379	1	72.16
1969	28	28	7	7	2	27	1	\$48,171	2	72.38
1970	21	21	2	2	1	21	1	\$30,235	1	72.26
1971	20	20	4	3	2	16	1	\$41,181	1	72.88
1972	29	29	5	10	2	23	1	\$65,063	1	72.38
1973	31	31	8	1	3	22	1	\$82,864	1	73.12
1974	25	24	1	6	0	15	1	\$52,064	6	73.50
1975	21	21	2	0	2	10	1	\$34,422	9	72.96
1976	25	24	2	3	0	13	1	\$62,013	9	73.60
1977	25	24	3	3	2	13	1	\$108,540	3	72.16
1978	26	24	1	4	0	9	1	\$67,855	12	73.60
1979	26	24	0	1	0	5	T2	\$36,246	30	74.15
1980	29	26	0	0	1	8	T3	\$48,392	24	73.91
1981	27	27	1	3	3	15	1	\$134,937	10	72.40
1982	25	25	2	1	2	10	1	\$136,698	9	72.28
1983	26	25	1	3	2	14	1	\$191,492	5	72.33
1984	28	27	3	1	0	9	1	\$146,401	8	72.82
1985	22	19	1	0	0	7	1	\$95,606	21	72.82
1986	26	23	0	0	0	4	T5	\$54,774	46	73.80

1987	25	13	0	0	0	0	T11	\$18,653	101	74.76
1988	22	12	0	0	0	0	T12	\$16,683	107	74.63
1989	24	10	0	0	0	0	T30	\$11,054	134	74.79
1990	21	6	0	0	0	0	T31	\$6,652	153	75.22
1991	12	2	0	0	0	0	T28	\$2,636	178	76.04
1992	3	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	218	77.00
1993	2	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	197	76.00
1994	1	1	0	0	0	0	40	\$4,157	167	84.00
1995	1	1	0	0	0	0	35T	\$5,173	180	78.25
1996	2	1	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	227	81.20

Tournament	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
KNC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LPGA	T18	T11	17	T4	T6	T3	4	T10	1	2
OPEN	T32	T9	16	T10	T5	9	T18	T5	T15	T5
DM/WBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tournament	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
KNC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LPGA	T6	2	1	T12	3	T10	1	T17	10	T33
OPEN	3	T4	2	T19	T29	T4	6	MC	T10	T34
DM/WBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tournament	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
KNC	X	X	X	X	T2	T10	T13	T59	T43	T78
LPGA	MC	MC	DNP	T21	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
OPEN	T40	MC	3	T29	DQ	T10	T30	T65	MC	DNP
DM/WBO	T26^	T14^	T25^	T38^	T21^	T19^	MC^	T34^	T31^	MC^
Tournament	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996		
KNC	T42	MC	MC	DNP	MC	DNP	DNP	MC		
LPGA	DNP	MC	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
OPEN	DNP	MC	MC	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		
DM/WBO	T40^	MC^	MC^	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP		

Professional

Career

- In 2008, led the U.S. Handa Cup Team to their third-consecutive victory over the World Team in the annual team, match-play event on The Legends Tour.
- Owns 88 tournament titles, more than any other professional golfer in history, male or female.
- Was LPGA Tour's leading money winner eight times (1965-68, 1970-73).
- Is a seven-time LPGA Player of the Year (1966-69, 1971-73).
- Is a seven-time winner of the Vare Trophy (1965-67, 1969-72), the most in LPGA history.
- Competed in 26 sudden-death playoffs in her career.
- In 2005, officially retired from competitive golf after competing in the BJ's Charity Classic, an event on the Women's Senior Golf Tour.
- In 1996, competed in the Chrysler-Plymouth Tournament of Champions and the NabiscoDinahShore.
- In 1995, competed in the Chrysler-Plymouth Tournament of Champions and finished tied for 35th.
- In 1985, recorded her last official victory and the 88th of her career at the United Virginia Bank Classic on May 12.
- In 1983, tied Sam Snead's record of 84 official professional golf victories at the Women's Kemper Open with a 40-foot putt on the 72nd hole; recorded her 11th LPGA career hole-in-one at the Henredon Classic; holds the LPGA all-time record for most holes-in-one in a career.

- Between 1962 and 1982, won 82 LPGA titles; her win at the CPC International in 1982, which was her 82nd victory, tied her with fellow LPGA Tour Hall of Fame member Mickey Wright for the most number of wins; won the Lady Michelob to surpass Wright.
- In 1981, her third-place finish at the U.S. Women's Open made her the first player in the history of the LPGA to surpass the \$1 million mark in career earnings.
- In 1975, became the seventh member of the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame.
- In 1970, won the Orange Blossom Classic for the third year in a row, becoming the fourth player in LPGA history to win the same event three consecutive times (a total of eight players have now accomplished that feat).
- In 1968, carded a career-low 62 (-7) in the third round of the Holiday Inn Classic, which she won; the 62 tied Mickey Wright's 62 (-9) at the 1964 Tall City Open as the lowest third round in LPGA history (Grace Park shot 61 in the third round at the 2004 Welch's/Fry's Championship to break the record) and lowest final round by a winner in LPGA history (Juli Inkster and Annika Sorenstam tied the latter record in 2003 and 2006, respectively).
- In 1967, won her 30th career LPGA title at the Raleigh Ladies Invitational at the age of 27 years, 6 months and 27 days; is the second-youngest player to reach the 30-win milestone (Mickey Wright is the youngest).
- Won eight tournaments in 1965, nine in 1966, eight in 1967 and 10 in 1968.
- In 1962, won her first tournament at the Kelly Girl Open.
- In 1959, joined the LPGA Tour.

Amateur

Whitworth captured the New Mexico State Amateur title two consecutive years (1957-58) before turning professional in December 1958.

LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

LPGA Victories (88): 1962 Kelly Girls Open, Phoenix Thunderbird Open. 1963 Carvel Ladies Open, Wolverine Open, Milwaukee Jaycee Open, Ogden Ladies' Open, Spokane Women's Open, Hillside Open, San Antonio Civitan Open, Mary Mills Mississippi Gulf Coast Invitational. 1964 San Antonio Civitan Open. 1965 St. Petersburg Open, Shreveport Kiwanis Invitational, Blue Grass Invitational, Lady Carling Midwest Open, Yankee Open, Buckeye Savings Invitational, Mickey Wright Invitational, **Titleholders Championship**. 1966 Tall City Open, Clayton Federal Invitational, Milwaukee Jaycee Open, Supertest Ladies Open, Lady Carling Open (Sutton), Lady Carling Open (Baltimore), Las Cruces Ladies Open, Amarillo Ladies' Open, **Titleholders Championship**. 1967 Venice Ladies Open, Raleigh Ladies Invitational, St. Louis Women's Invitational, **LPGA Championship**, Lady Carling Open (Columbus), **Women's Western Open**, Ladies' Los Angeles Open, Alamo Ladies' Open. 1968 St. Petersburg Orange Blossom Open, Dallas Civitan Open, Lady Carling Open, Gino Paoli Open, Holiday Inn Classic, Kings River Open, River Plantation Invitational, Canyon Ladies Classic, Pensacola Ladies' Invitational, Louise Suggs Invitational. 1969 Orange Blossom Open, Port Charlotte Invitational, Port Malabar Invitational, Lady Carling Open, Patty Berg Classic, Wendell-West Open, River Plantation Women's Open. 1970 Orange Blossom Classic, Quality Chek'd Classic. 1971 Raleigh Golf Classic, Suzuki Golf Internationale, Lady Carling Open, **Eve-LPGA Championship**. 1972 Alamo Ladies Open, Raleigh Golf Classic, Knoxville Ladies Classic, Southgate Ladies Open, Portland Ladies Classic. 1973 Naples-Lely Classic, S&H Green Stamp Classic, Dallas Civitan Open, Southgate Ladies Open, Portland Ladies Open, Waco Tribune Herald Ladies Classic, Lady Errol Classic. 1974 Orange Blossom Classic. 1975 **LPGA Championship**, Southgate Open. 1976 Bent Tree Classic, Patty Berg Classic. 1977 Colgate-Dinah Shore Winner's Circle, American Defender Classic, LPGA Coca-Cola Classic. 1978 National Jewish Hospital Open. 1981 The Coca-Cola Classic. 1982 CPC Women's International, Lady Michelob. 1983 Women's Kemper Open. 1984 Rochester International, SAFECO Classic, Smirnoff Ladies Irish Open. 1985 United Virginia Bank Classic.

Unofficial Victories (7): 1967-68 Ladies' World Series of Golf. 1971 LPGA Four-Ball Championship (with Judy Kimball Simon). 1975 Colgate Triple Crown. 1978, 1980-81 Portland PING Team Championship (with Donna Caponi).

LPGA Awards (16): Player of the Year (7), Vare Trophy (7). 1965 Vare Trophy. 1966 Player of the Year, Vare Trophy. 1967 Player of the Year, Vare Trophy. 1968 Player of the Year. 1969 Player of the Year, Vare Trophy. 1970 Vare Trophy. 1971 Player of the Year, Vare Trophy. 1972 Player of the Year, Vare Trophy. 1973 Player of the Year. 1986 William and Mousie Powell Award. 1987 Patty Berg Award.

The Solheim Cup (2): 1990 and 1992 (as captain).