

Bonnie Bryant



Status: Retired
Career Victories (last): One (1974)
Joined LPGA: 1971
1983 Mazda-LPGA Series Rank: 132
Career Best Finish: One win
Low Career Round: 67
Career Earnings (Rank): \$137,293 (85)

Professional

Trivia questions: Who is the only left-handed golfer to win an LPGA event? Which LPGA pro played five years of AAA-fast pitch softball before turning to golf? The answer to both questions is Bonnie Bryant. Although she did not leave the diamond for the links until age 20, Bryant was an LPGA winner by age 29-her fourth season. A two-shot loss to Kathy Cornelius at the 1973 Sealy-Faberge (Bryant finished a solo fifth) previewed her 1974 triumph. Mired in a five-way logjam two shots behind Sandra Spuzich entering final round action, Bryant broke from the pack with a career low 67 to claim a two-shot victory. The \$5,700 first prize contributed to the finest season of her career. Although she struggled for several years thereafter, Bryant almost entered the victory circle again in 1979. Utilizing a final round charge once more, Bryant fired a 68 to join a playoff, which included Nancy Lopez, Mickey Wright, Hollis Stacy and Jo Ann Washam. Lopez won on the second playoff hole but Bryant's \$6,675 paycheck was the largest of her career. A recurring knee ailment limited Bryant to nine 1983 appearances (best finish: T25, S&H Golf Classic).

Personal

5'4", brown hair and brown eyes...Attended College on the Sequoias...Teachers have included Manuel de la Torre...Hobbies include collecting, refinishing, and selling antiques and going to auctions...Ideal life would be to own a camp ground, deal in antiques and play the Tour part time.

LPGA Victories: (1) 1974 Bill Branch Classic.

BRYANT'S LPGA RECORD

(Year, number of events, best finish, money, rank, scoring average)

1971 9 T-17 \$ 358 81 7976 1978 15 T-11 \$ 2,956 97 78.58
1972 25 T-21 2,433 54 78 03 1979 23 T-2 25,137 45 74.74
1973 30 5 11,390 38 75.21 1980 24 T-7 21,570 58 74.45
1974 25 1 20,563 22 75 44 1981 11 T-8 9,242 94 74.56
1975 20 T-6 9,139 42 73.37 1982 18 T-6 9,433 101 74.80
1976 27 3 14,184 45 76.28 1983 9 T-25 5,124 123 74.97
1977 21 T-5 5,760 72 76.09 N/A N/A 76.80