

# Patti Rizzo



**Rookie Year:** 1982  
**Status:** Non-exempt  
**Career Victories (last):** 4 (1989)  
**Career-Low Round:** 64  
**Career Earnings (rank):** \$1,138,205 (72)  
**LPGA Career Holes-in-one:** 2  
**Playoff Record:** 1-0  
**International Victories:** 9  
**Education:** University of Miami

## Professional

### Career Highlights

- In 1998, best finish was a tie for 25<sup>th</sup> at the Rainbow Foods LPGA Classic.
- From 1994-97, did not compete as a member of the LPGA Tour.
- Has nine victories on the JLPGA.
- In 1993, recorded seven top-20 finishes and crossed the \$1 million mark in career earnings.
- In 1992, she took a year off from the LPGA Tour to compete on the Japan LPGA Tour.
- In 1991, recorded her second career ace during the second round of the Desert Inn LPGA Classic.
- In 1990, had seven top-10 finishes, including four top-five performances, with a tie for second at the Desert Inn LPGA Classic marking her season-best.
- In 1989, her most successful season, earned \$198,868 and won the Red Robin Kyocera Inamori Classic.
- In 1988, won the Sara Lee Classic by defeating three players in a five-hole playoff.
- In 1985, shot her career-best score of 64 during the third round of the LPGA Corning Classic, which she eventually won.
- In 1984, carded her first career hole-in-one during the Uniden LPGA Invitational.
- In 1983, won the Boston Five Classic.
- In 1982, earned Rookie of the Year honors with five top-10 finishes.

## Amateur

Rizzo's outstanding amateur career was highlighted by a near win at the 1981 Florida Lady Citrus in Orlando. She attempted to become the first amateur since JoAnne Carner (1969) to win an LPGA event when she finished regulation play in a five-way tie for first-place. She was defeated by Beth Daniel on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff. However, Rizzo won the World Amateur, Trans-National, Eastern Amateur and Mexican Amateur in 1980 and the North-South, the South Atlantic and the Harder Hall Invitational in 1981. Rizzo also claimed medalist honors and was runner-up at the 1981 U.S. Amateur, as well as at the 1980 and 1981 AIAW National Championships. A 1981 collegiate All-American at the University of Miami, she was *Golf Digest's* top-ranked amateur in the country in 1980 and *GOLF Magazine's* top-ranked collegiate player in 1981.

## Personal

5'8", brown hair, hazel eyes...Started playing golf at the age of 15...Has one brother...Married to Jacques Depardon and has two children: daughter Gabriela Depardon and son Severiano Depardon...Hobbies include cooking, tennis and languages.

## Victories, Awards, Etc.

**LPGA Victories (4):** 1983 Boston Five Classic. 1985 LPGA Corning Classic. 1988 Sara Lee Classic. 1989 Red Robin Kyocera Inamori Classic.  
**LPGA Awards (1):** 1982 Rookie of the Year.

## Major Championship History

(TNC, The Nabisco Championship; LPGA, McDonald's LPGA Championship; OPEN, U.S. Women's Open; duM, du Maurier Classic) The du Maurier Classic became a major in 1979. The Nabisco Championship became a major in 1983.

	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94-97
<b>TNC</b>	DNP	X	T60	45	T26	T8	T28	T30	T15	T21	T67	DNP	T40	DNP
<b>LPGA</b>	DNP	64	MC	4	MC	T12	T16	MC	T23	MC	MC	DNP	T4	DNP
<b>OPEN</b>	T34	T56	4	T13	MC	T27	MC	T33	T29	MC	T36	DNP	DNP	DNP
<b>duM</b>	DNP	MC	MC	T10	T29	T8	MC	T9	T18	T8	DNP	DNP	MC	DNP
	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>												
<b>TNC</b>	T65	MC												
<b>LPGA</b>	MC	DNP												
<b>OPEN</b>	T46	59												
<b>duM</b>	MC	T64												

## Rizzo'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
1981	1	1	0	0	0	0	T34	N/A	N/A	75.50
1982	27	24	0	0	0	5	4	\$ 46,441	31	73.65
1983	26	23	1	0	0	7	1	78,731	18	73.67
1984	27	25	0	0	0	5	4	69,613	27	73.15
1985	26	19	1	0	0	3	1	86,465	24	73.34
1986	26	24	0	1	0	4	2	88,936	23	72.81
1987	28	22	0	1	0	7	T2	98,456	22	73.05
1988	26	22	1	0	0	3	1	108,960	28	72.92
1989	26	24	1	1	0	11	1	198,868	9	72.08
1990	26	21	0	1	0	7	T2	145,377	25	72.69
1991	22	13	0	0	0	1	6	39,432	95	73.60
1992	DNP									
1993	20	16	0	0	0	4	T4	111,372	49	72.32
1994	DNP									
1995	2	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	74.25
1996	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	73.50
1998	17	8	0	0	0	0	T25	26,153	136	73.40
1999	16	7	0	0	0	1	T9	39,402	126	73.51