

Colleen Walker



Rookie year: 1982
Status: Retired
Career victories (last): 9 (1997)
Majors won: 1
Career-low round: 64
Career earnings (rank): \$2,747,278 (44)
LPGA career holes-in-one: 2
Playoff record: 1-0
Education: Florida State University (1978, Marketing)

Professional

Career

- In 2003, was diagnosed with breast cancer on Jan. 6; underwent chemotherapy and radiation, completing her treatments in July; tied for 10th at a Women's Senior Golf Tour (WSGT) event Sept. 28, her first competitive event since being diagnosed.
- In 2002, did not compete due to continuing problems with her left wrist, hand and thumb joint, which she injured in 2000.
- In 2001, won the Hy-Vee Classic, an event on the WSGT.
- In 2000, during the first round of the Longs Drugs Challenge, hit a tree root and tore the cartilage in her left wrist, which resulted in surgery; missed the remainder of the season.
- In 1999, best finish was a tie for 21st at the Longs Drugs Challenge.
- In 1998, best finish was a tie for 16th at the Los Angeles Women's Championship.
- In 1997, won the du Maurier Classic, her first major championship victory; took two weeks off and then won the Star Bank LPGA Classic with three-straight rounds in the 60s (67-69-67).
- In 1996, best finish was a tie for 27th at the Sprint Titleholders Championship in May, her final event of the season before taking the rest of the year off for the birth of her son, Tyler, on Oct. 7.
- In 1995, best finish was a tie for second at the PING Welch's Championship; crossed the \$2 million mark in career earnings with a tie for fifth at the Cup Noodles Hawaiian Ladies Open.
- In 1994, posted three top-10 finishes, including a season-best second place at the Youngstown-Warren LPGA Classic, where she carded the second hole-in-one of her LPGA career.
- In 1993, despite tendonitis in both elbows, totaled three top-10 finishes, including a tie for fifth at the Jamie Farr Toledo Classic.
- In 1992, won three times – Oldsmobile LPGA Classic, LPGA Corning Classic and the SAFECO Classic; won the Oldsmobile LPGA Classic in a sudden-death playoff with Dawn Coe-Jones; tied her career-low round of 64 during the first round of the Centel Classic.
- In 1991, won the Lady Keystone Open for her fourth career title and totaled 11 top-10 finishes.
- In 1990, won the Circle K LPGA Tucson Open and crossed the \$1 million mark in career earnings at the McDonald's Championship.
- In 1989, top finish was a tie for third at the Women's Kemper Open, where she recorded her career-low round of 64 in the first round; won the Nichirei International in Japan, an unofficial LPGA event.
- In 1988, won the Boston Five Classic and earned the Vare Trophy for lowest scoring average; led the Tour in top-10 finishes (18), birdies (325), rounds under par (55) and rounds in the 60s (29); partnered with Dave Hill to win the Mazda Champions.
- In 1987, won her first tournament at the Mayflower Classic.
- In 1986, top finish was a tie for second at the Cellular One-PING Golf Championship.
- In 1985, best finish was a tie for fifth at the Jamie Farr Toledo Classic.
- In 1984, top finish was a tie for ninth at both the Elizabeth Arden Classic and MasterCard International Pro-Am; recorded her first LPGA career hole-in-one during the United Virginia Bank Classic.
- In 1983, top finish was a tie for 20th at the LPGA Corning Classic.
- In 1982, qualified for the Tour in January by winning the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn exempt status; best finish of her rookie season was a tie for 29th at the Rail Charity Golf Classic.
- In 1981, turned professional in September and played the Tampa Bay Mini-Tour.

Amateur

At the age of 18, Walker was named the 1974 *Palm Beach Post* Athlete and Player of the Year for her amateur performance. After winning the All-State (Florida) Golf Award in 1976, she went on to gain Most Valuable Player honors at Florida State University from 1977-78.

Personal

5'5", brown hair, green eyes...Started playing golf at the age of 14...Married Ron Bakich on Oct. 16, 1987...Gave birth to son Tyler Walker Bakich on Oct. 7, 1996...Credits her husband and her parents as the individuals most influencing her career...Received the 1988 MET Life Sportsmanship Award...Named Most

Improved Player in 1988 by *Golf Digest*...Received the 1998 Sons and Daughters Award for Hillsborough County, Fla....Inducted into the Florida State University Hall of Fame in 1991...Inducted into the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame in 2003...Enjoys football, watching her son play baseball and gardening...Qualified for the Tour on her first attempt...Represents Q-Ray and La Mode.

LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

LPGA Victories (9): 1987 Mayflower Classic. 1988 Boston Five Classic. 1990 Circle K Tucson Open. 1991 Lady Keystone Open. 1992 Oldsmobile LPGA Classic, LPGA Corning Classic, SAFECO Classic. 1997 du Maurier Classic, Star Bank LPGA Classic.
Unofficial Victories (2): 1988 Mazda Champions (with Dave Hill). 1989 Nichirei International.
LPGA Awards (2): 1988 Vare Trophy. 2004 Heather Farr Player Award.

Major Championship History

	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95
KNC	X	DNP	DNP	DNP	T24	T5	2	T11	5	T41	63	T49	T72	T7
LPGA	DNP	MC	T37	T25	MC	MC	T29	T23	66	T15	T44	T37	MC	T18
OPEN	DNP	DNP	DNP	MC	DNP	MC	T3	T9	T9	T21	MC	MC	T35	T28
DM	MC	MC	MC	T29	DQ	T16	T9	T10	T61	MC	T28	T42	T57	MC

	96	97	98	99	00	01-04
KNC	T58	T41	MC	MC	MC	DNP
LPGA	DNS	T31	MC	MC	DNP	DNP
OPEN	DNP	MC	MC	DNP	DNP	DNP
DM/WB	DNP^	1^	MC^	MC^	DNP^	DNP

^ indicates finishes in the du Maurier Classic.

Walker'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
1978	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	81.50
1977	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	77.00
1980	2	2	0	0	0	0	T59	N/A	N/A	75.43
1981	2	1	0	0	0	0	T54	N/A	N/A	76.17
1982	23	11	0	0	0	0	T29	\$ 5,393	115	75.95
1983	25	12	0	0	0	0	T20	6,708	122	75.69
1984	26	15	0	0	0	2	T9	22,265	82	74.00
1985	26	20	0	0	0	4	T5	43,999	52	73.67
1986	27	23	0	1	0	3	T2	73,314	31	72.71
1987	28	24	1	1	1	6	1	190,315	9	72.32
1988	29	28	1	3	2	18	1	318,116	5	71.26
1989	27	27	0	0	1	16	T3	204,666	7	71.64
1990	28	26	1	1	0	9	1	225,518	13	72.09
1991	26	24	1	0	1	11	1	294,845	11	71.71
1992	26	20	3	1	0	8	1	368,600	9	72.25
1993	24	20	0	0	0	3	T5	96,384	53	72.16
1994	26	20	0	1	0	4	2	141,200	37	72.73
1995	26	22	0	1	1	6	T2	273,676	17	71.38
1996	7	4	0	0	0	0	T27	16,471	149	74.14
1997	28	20	2	0	0	5	1	384,882	14	72.31
1998	24	15	0	0	0	0	T16	54,874	105	72.98
1999	24	9	0	0	0	0	T21	25,144	142	74.22
2000	7	1	0	0	0	0	T74	908	207	75.07
2001	2	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	76.75
2002	1	0	0	0	0	0	WD	N/A	N/A	74.00
2003	DNP									
2004	6	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	76.18