

Nancy Lopez, LPGA



Nancy Lopez is one of the greats in the history of women's golf with a career that spans four decades and includes 48 LPGA Tour victories and three LPGA Major wins. Hailed as one of the most popular golfers in LPGA history, Nancy celebrated the 30th anniversary of her first LPGA Tour victory in 2008. In 1987, she won the Sarasota Classic—her 35th career LPGA Tour victory and also the site of her first LPGA career win in 1978—to qualify for the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame. She was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in November 1989.

Nancy's accolades on the course and congenial personality have made her a natural selection for numerous awards and well-deserved recognition. In 1988, she was honored by *GOLF* Magazine as the "Golfer of the Decade" for 1978-87 during the Centennial of Golf in America celebration. In 1998, she was awarded the USGA's Bob Jones Award for her distinguished sportsmanship in the game of golf. Considered one of the LPGA's top-50 players and teachers (2000), Nancy was also the first female recipient of the Frances Ouimet Award for Lifelong Contributions to Golf in 2004. In 2005, she captained the victorious U.S. Solheim Cup Team to a 15 ½ -12 ½ home-soil win and has been selected to lead the 2009 PING U.S. Junior Solheim Cup Team.

Since retiring from full-time competition on the LPGA Tour, Nancy has remained very active in golf, including serving as the founder and principal of the Nancy Lopez Golf Company, which offers equipment and apparel designed specifically for women. She joins PGA/LPGA member Suzy Whaley and fitness expert Donna Richardson Joyner as spokespeople for the 2009 Women's Golf Month.

Nancy and her husband, Ray Knight, are the parents of three daughters, Ashley, Erinn and Torri; and one son, Brooks.

NANCY'S FAVORITE GOLFING MEMORY IS:

I have a lot of memories. My favorite was winning my 35th tournament at the Sarasota Classic at Bent Tree. My dad and my husband were both there to watch me win the tournament that qualified me for the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame and World Golf Hall of Fame. It was very thrilling and I loved having my two favorite men with me.

HER FAVORITE CLUB IS:

The driver.

STRONGEST PART OF HER GAME:

Putting – It still keeps me there. I make a lot of putts, I just have to get on the greens a little bit faster.

FAVORITE DRILL:

Putting drill to concentrate on stroking balls with a short backstroke and accelerate to impact. I enjoy it because when I do the short backstroke and accelerate, I hit great putts.

