

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### A STORIED PAST

The Genesis Invitational continues a longstanding tradition of professional golf in Southern California. Debuting in 1926 at Los Angeles Country Club as the Los Angeles Open, the tournament was staged at various courses throughout the Los Angeles area before permanently settling at The Riviera Country Club in 1973. Known as the site of Jack Nicklaus' professional debut, Tiger Woods' first PGA



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the World Golf Hall of Fame, the tournament

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and Riviera have seen many major moments in

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golf history.

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## 2020- PRESENT

- **2022:** Joaquin Niemann sets a tournament record for lowest 36 and 54 hole score on route to a wire-to-wire victory. The tournament featured its best field ever with the top 11 players in the Official World Golf Ranking competing at Riviera.
- **2021:** Valencia, CA native Max Homa wins The Genesis Invitational on the second playoff hole. Homa, who grew up attending the tournament as a kid, played 24 holes on Sunday completing his third and fourth rounds prior to the playoff. Homa did not card a bogie on Sunday at Riviera.

first person to receive the Charlie

Sifford Memorial Exemption for

a second time. Bramlett also received the exemption in 2011.

- **2020:** Adam Scott earned an official tournament victory with his two-shot win. In 2005, Scott won a rain-shortened tournament in a playoff, an unofficial PGA TOUR win.

*Pictured: 2021 champion Max Homa*

## 2010-2019

- **2018** Cameron Champ awarded the Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption. Later that year, Champ becomes the first Sifford Exemption recipient to win on the PGA TOUR.
- **2017:** Dustin Johnson's victory following weather delays forced 36 holes to be played on Sunday. The win ascended Johnson to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking.
- **2015:** The tournament held the first Collegiate Showcase, providing the opportunity for a



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exemption into the full field  
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Wake Forest earned the first  
showcase exemption into the  
field.

- **2013:** John Merrick became the first champion from Los Angeles County by defeating Charlie Beljan on the second playoff hole. Merrick was born and raised in Long Beach.
- **2012:** Bill Haas made a 40-foot putt to defeat Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley on the second playoff hole.

*Pictured: 2013 champion John Merrick*



## 2000- 2009

- **2009:** Vincent Johnson was awarded the first Charlie Sifford Memorial exemption, awarded annually to a golfer of a minority background who otherwise wouldn't be eligible to complete.
- **2009:** Phil Mickelson became the seventh player in tournament

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tournaments.

Phil Mickelson on the third  
playoff hole.

- **2005:** Adam Scott won a playoff in a rain-shortened tournament. Only 36 holes were completed.
- **2004:** Mike Weir became the sixth player in tournament history to win back-to-back tournaments.

## Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption

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*Pictured: Vincent Johnson in 2009*

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**1990-1999**

- **1995:** Corey Pavin became the fifth player in tournament history to win back-to-back tournaments.
- **1993:** Tom Kite won in a rain-shortened tournament. Only 54 holes were completed.
- **1992:** Tiger Woods played in his first PGA TOUR event as an amateur at the age of 16.

*Pictured: Tiger Woods in his PGA TOUR debut in 1992*



## 1980-1989

- **1985:** Lanny Wadkins won his second LA Open with a tournament-record score of 20-under, 264.
- **1983:** PGA Championship held at Riviera.
- **1982:** Tom Watson defeated Johnny Miller in one of the greatest comeback victories in tournament history. Watson made a 40-foot putt on the third playoff hole to defeat defending

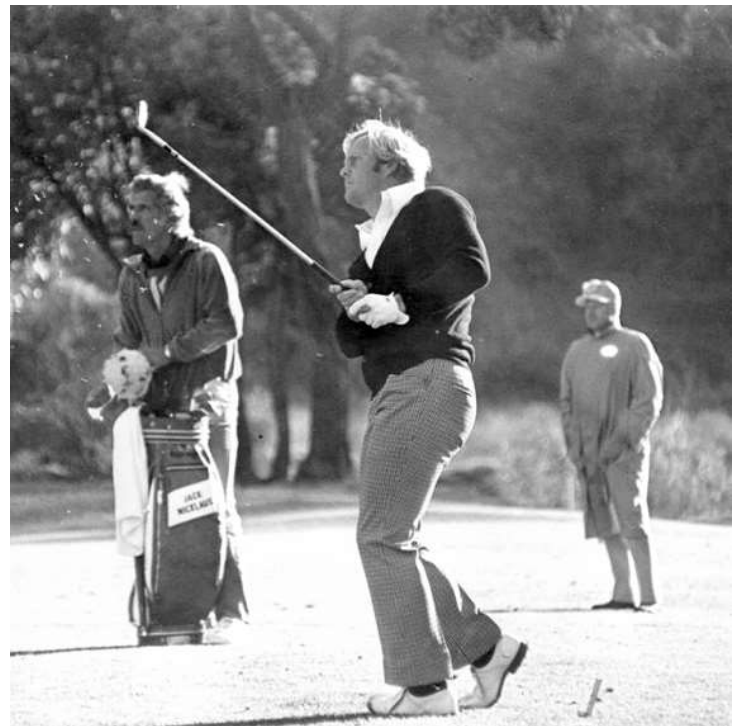


*Pictured: the 1983 PGA  
Championship at Riviera*

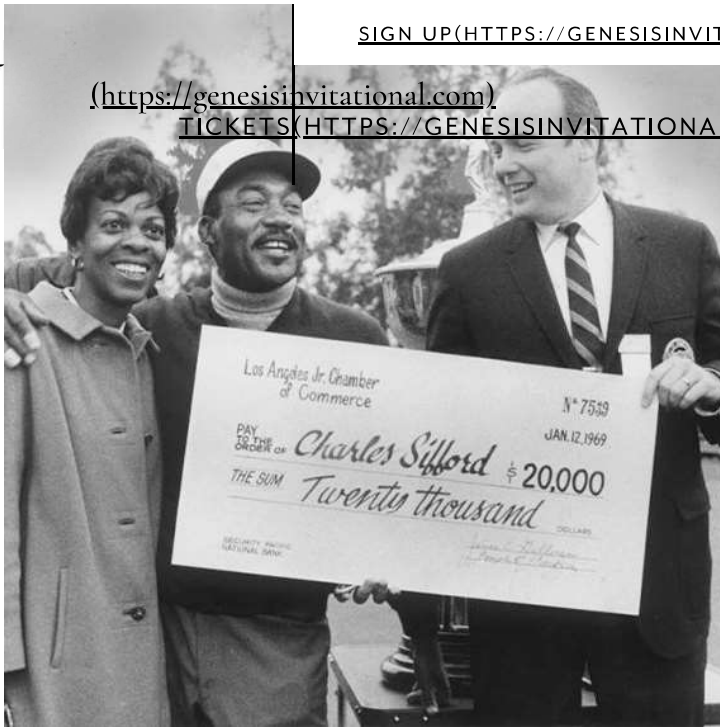
## 1970-1979

- 1973: The LA Open returned to Riviera. The tournament remained at Riviera every year since with the exception of the 1983 and 1998 tournaments.

*Pictured: Jack Nicklaus at Riviera  
in 1973*



# 1960-1969



- 1969: Charlie Sifford, the first African American member of the PGA TOUR, won the LA Open.
- 1967: Arnold Palmer became the third player in tournament history to win back-to-back tournaments. The victory was Palmer's third time in a five-year span, having also won in 1963 and 1966.
- 1962: Jack Nicklaus won his first professional paycheck, earning \$33.33.

*Pictured: Charlie Sifford collecting the winner's check in 1969*



# 1950-1959

- 1956: Lloyd Mangrum won the tournament for the fourth time, something only Macdonald Smith had previously accomplished.

*Pictured: Lloyd Mangrum on the first tee in 1956*



# 1940-1949

- 1948: Ben Hogan became the second player in tournament history to win back-to-back tournaments. Hogan would also win the US Open at Riviera, causing many to begin calling the club *Hogan's Alley*.
- 1948: Bill Spiller and Ted Rhodes became the first African Americans to play in a non-USGA, PGA TOUR event, the 1948 Los Angeles Open. They both made the cut, Rhodes tying for 22<sup>nd</sup> and Spiller tying for 29<sup>th</sup>.

made her final start in the LA

Open. Babe Didrikson Zaharias, who would

compete in seven men's tournaments, three of which were the LA Open.

- **1945:** A birdie on the final hole gave Sam Snead a one-shot victory over Byron Nelson.
- **1945:** Babe Didrikson Zaharias made her second start in the LA Open.
- **1943:** Due to World War II, the tournament was not held.
- **1942:** Ben Hogan won his first LA Open.

*Pictured: Ben Hogan on the 18th green during the 1948 US Open*

## 1930-1939

- **1938:** Babe Didrikson Zaharias became the first woman to play in the LA Open. It would be the first of her three starts in the tournament.
- **1934:** Macdonald Smith became the first player to win the LA Open four times (1928-29, 1932, 1934).



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## 1926-1929

- 1929: The LA Open became the first tournament to be broadcast on radio.
- 1929: Macdonald Smith became the first player in tournament history to win back-to-back tournaments.
- 1926: The Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce put up a \$10,000 purse for the first LA Open, the richest prize at the time in professional golf.

*Pictured: The 18th green and Riviera clubhouse during the 1929 tournament*

# RECORDS

	RECORDED	PLAYER
18-hole score	61	George Archer (R3/1983), Ted Tryba (R3/1999)
36-hole score	126	Joaquin Niemann (2022)
54-hole score	194	Joaquin Niemann (2022)
72-hole score	264	Lanny Wadkins (1985)
Largest margin of victory	9	Phil Rodgers (1962)
Best come-from-behind win	8	Ken Venturi (1959)
Playoffs	18	Most recent: 2021 (Max Homa def. Tony Finau)
Holes-in-one since 1983	42	Most recent: Scott Harrington (R4/2021)

TIMES HOSTED	COURSE	YEARS
59	The Riviera Country Club	1929–30, 1941, 1945–53, 1973–82, 1984–97, 1999–2022
17	Rancho Park Golf Course	1956–67, 1969–72, 1983
5	Los Angeles Country Club	1926, 1934–36, 1940
4	Wilshire Country Club	1928, 1931, 1933, 1944
3	Griffith Park (Wilson course)	1937–39
2	Hillcrest Country Club	1932, 1942
1	Valencia Country Club	1998
1	Brookside Golf Course	1968
1	Inglewood Country Club	1955
1	Fox Hills Country Club	1954
1	El Caballero Country Club	1927

YEAR WINNER SCORE

1926	Harry Cooper	279
1927	Bobby Cruickshank	282
1928	Macdonald Smith	284
1929	Macdonald Smith	285
1930	Denny Shute	296
1931	Ed Dudley	285
1932	Macdonald Smith	281
1933	Craig Wood	281
1934	Macdonald Smith	280
1935	Victor Ghezzi	285
1936	Jimmy Hines	280
1937	Harry Cooper	274
1938	Jimmy Thomson	273
1939	Jimmy Demaret	274
1940	Lawson Little	282
1941	Johnny Bulla	281
1942	Ben Hogan	282
1944	Harold McSpaden	278
1945	Sam Snead	283
1946	Byron Nelson	284
1947	Ben Hogan	280

1950	Sam Snead	280
1951	Lloyd Mangrum	280
1952	Tommy Bolt	289
1953	Lloyd Mangrum	280
1954	Fred Wampler	281
1955	Gene Littler	276
1956	Lloyd Mangrum	272
1957	Doug Ford	280
1958	Frank Stranahan	275
1959	Ken Venturi	278
1960	Dow Finsterwald	280
1961	Bob Goalby	275
1962	Phil Rodgers	268
1963	Arnold Palmer	274
1964	Paul Harney	280
1965	Paul Harney	276
1966	Arnold Palmer	273
1967	Arnold Palmer	269
1968	Billy Casper	274
1969	Charles Sifford	276
1970	Billy Casper	276
1971	Bob Lunn	274



1974	Dave Stockton	276
1975	Pat Fitzsimons	275
1976	Hale Irwin	272
1977	Tom Purtzer	273
1978	Gil Morgan	278
1979	Lanny Wadkins	276
1980	Tom Watson	276
1981	Johnny Miller	270
1982	Tom Watson	271
1983	Gil Morgan	270
1984	David Edwards	279
1985	Lanny Wadkins	264
1986	Doug Tewell	270
1987	T.C. Chen	275
1988	Chip Beck	267
1989	Mark Calcavecchia	272
1990	Fred Couples	266
1991	Ted Schulz	272
1992	Fred Couples	269
1993	Tom Kite	206
1994	Corey Pavin	271
1995	Corey Pavin	268

1998	Billy Mayfair	272
1999	Ernie Els	270
2000	Kirk Triplett	272
2001	Robert Allenby	276
2002	Len Mattiace	269
2003	Mike Weir	275
2004	Mike Weir	267
2005	Adam Scott	133
2006	Rory Sabbatini	271
2007	Charles Howell III	268
2008	Phil Mickelson	272
2009	Phil Mickelson	269
2010	Steve Stricker	268
2011	Aaron Baddeley	272
2012	Bill Haas	277
2013	John Merrick	273
2014	Bubba Watson	269
2015	James Hahn	278
2016	Bubba Watson	269
2017	Dustin Johnson	267
2018	Bubba Watson	272
2019	J.B. Holmes	270



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2022

Joaquin Niemann

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