

## THE HISTORY OF MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB

The Riviera Country Club has hosted the PGA TOUR's LA event more than any other course. The world's best golfers have competed at Riv fifty-eight times, most recently with Max Homa winning the 2021 Genesis Invitational. While Riviera is known as a player favorite each year, the course also boasts a history of hosting major championships.

### **1948 U.S. Open**

Nearly 20 years after the club opened, Riviera hosted its first major championship when the U.S. Open came to town in 1948. The tournament boasted a who's who of the golf world with Sam Snead, Gene Sarazen, Lloyd Mangrum among others highlighting the field. Ben Hogan's past success at Riv proved important as he dominated the final two rounds to earn his first U.S. Open title, and his third victory at Riviera. Just a few months earlier, Hogan had won his second LA Open in a row, and with his victory in the 1948 U.S. Open Riviera received a new nickname: Hogan's Alley.

### **1983 PGA Championship**

From the opening round, the 1983 PGA Championship was Hal Sutton's tournament to win. Sutton held a one-shot lead after the first round, a three-shot lead after the second round and a two-shot lead heading into Sunday's final round. On Sunday, Jack Nicklaus made a solid effort to take the spot at the top of the leaderboard, but Sutton was able to hold him off and clench the victory. For Sutton, the win was his first and only major championship.

### **1995 PGA Championship**

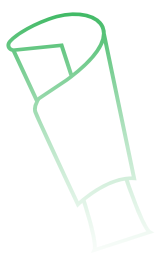
Riviera has a flair for the dramatic and during the 1995 PGA Championship the course saw its fair share of drama. After three rounds, Colin Montgomerie and Steve Elkington were respectively five and six shots back of the leader. After 72 holes, Montgomerie and Elkington found themselves tied atop the leaderboard heading to a playoff. While playing the 18th hole in a sudden-death playoff, Elkington made a 20-foot birdie putt to put the pressure on Montgomerie. Putting from slightly closer, Montgomerie two-putted for par, handing Elkington the win, his first and only major victory.

### **1998 U.S. Senior Open**

Having won at Riviera in 1974, Hale Irwin returned to LA in 1998 looking for another victory. On the final hole, Irwin made a 12-foot birdie putt to win the U.S. Senior Open. The victory was Irwin's second at Riviera and his fourth U.S. Open victory, having won three U.S. Opens prior to his senior circuit victory.

### **2017 U.S. Amateur Championship**

Featuring the world's best players yet to go pro, the U.S. Amateur at Riviera in 2017 provided a memorable finish. Unlike many majors, the U.S. Amateur Championship is played head-to-head in a bracket style. In the final match, Doug Ghim went toe-to-toe with Doc Redman for 36 holes! Regulation play just wasn't enough for these two, both of whom are currently PGA TOUR regulars. On the 37th hole, Redman earned the victory on the famous 10th hole at Riv.



# TROPHY MATCHING GAME

DIRECTIONS: MATCH THE TOURNAMENT NAME TO THE TROPHY AWARDED

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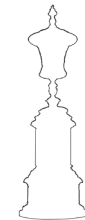
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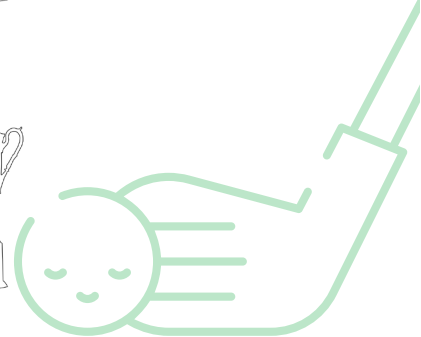
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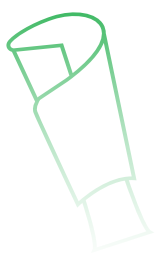


4. PGA Championship



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