

THE JOHN SHIPPEN

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JUNE 23-25, 2023

Detroit Golf Club



THE JOHN SHIPPEN
National Invitational
Champion

MEDIA GUIDE

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD – PRACTICE ROUND

THE DETROIT GOLF CLUB (DGC) – NORTH COURSE

10:00 PM – Noon TJS Practice Rounds @ DGC North Course

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH – FIRST ROUND

THE DETROIT GOLF CLUB – NORTH COURSE

9:00 AM DGC Practice Facilities Open
10:00 AM – 11:10 AM First Round – Tee Times off No. 1 – Threesomes

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH – FINAL ROUND

THE DETROIT GOLF CLUB (DGC) – NORTH COURSE

9:00 AM Gates open
9:00 AM DGC Practice Facilities Open
10:00 AM – 11:10 AM Final Round – Tee Times off No. 1 – Threesomes
4:30 PM Award Ceremony – 15 Tee

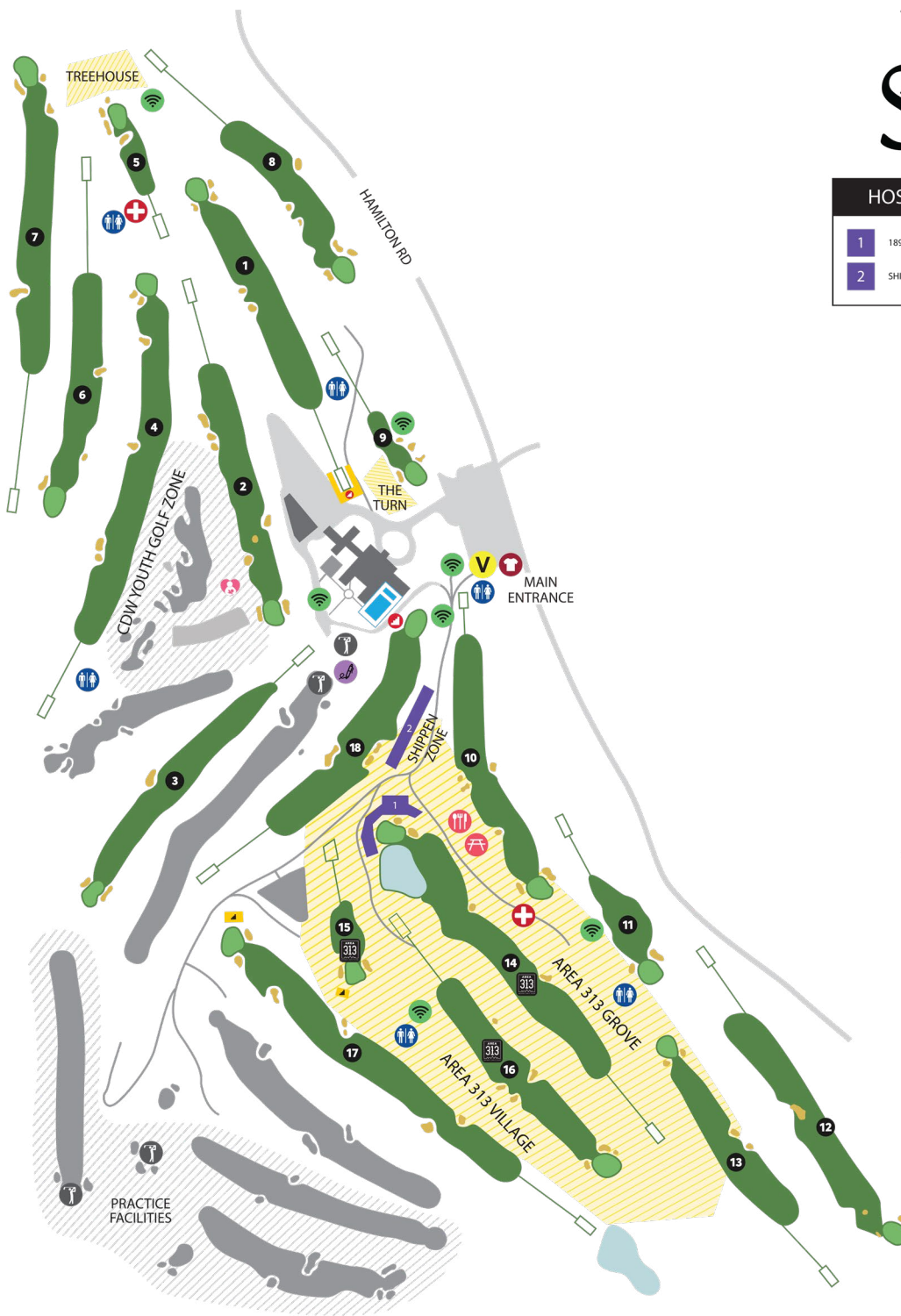


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- 1 1899 Club
- 2 SHIPPEN ZONE

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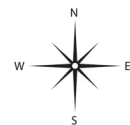
- Public Restrooms
- Concessions
- Dining Area
- Merchandise
- Public Grandstands
- First Aid
- Practice Area
- AREA 313
- Volunteer HQ
- ADA Seating
- Wi-Fi Zones
- Nursing Station
- Kid's Autograph Zone



WEATHER ALERT SCALE

WEATHER POLICY IN EFFECT
OBSERVE ON-COURSE SCOREBOARDS FOR WEATHER MESSAGES

	INCLEMENT WEATHER IS NOT EXPECTED TODAY ENJOY YOUR DAY!
	BE AWARE INCLEMENT WEATHER POSSIBLE OBSERVE ON-COURSE SCOREBOARDS FOR FURTHER UPDATES
	BE PREPARED INCLEMENT WEATHER APPROACHING PREPARE TO TAKE SHELTER OR EXIT THE PREMISES OBSERVE ON-COURSE SCOREBOARDS FOR FURTHER UPDATES
	TAKE ACTION INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAY SUSPENDED. SEEK SAFE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY OR EXIT THE PREMISES
	COURSE CLOSED PLAY SUSPENDED FOR THE DAY. EXIT GRANDSTANDS, TEMPORARY STRUCTURE, AND EXIT THE PREMISES



Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	72
YDS	397	453	393	635	167	461	552	372	207	425	233	489	393	555	160	446	577	455	7370



ABOUT JOHN SHIPPEN, JR.

John Matthew Shippen, Jr. (1879-1968) was born on December 5, 1879. His father, born into slavery in Virginia, became a free man following the Civil War. He then moved to Washington, D.C. where he attended Howard University and received a degree in theology. When John Jr. was age nine, his family moved to the Shinnecock Indian Reservation in Southampton on Long Island, NY, where his father was assigned as pastor.

As a teenager, Shippen worked with crews to help clear the land and build the original Shinnecock Hills golf course, which was near the reservation. Willie Dunn, a Scottish golf professional who designed the final holes at Shinnecock Hills, taught some of the young workers how to caddy and play the game, including John Shippen and his friend, Oscar Bunn, a Shinnecock Indian. Shippen had a natural talent for the game and became one of Dunn's best students. By the age of 16, Shippen was working full-time as Dunn's assistant, giving lessons to members, working as a caddy, repairing clubs, scorekeeping and assisting the maintenance crew.

Shippen's family returned to D.C. in 1889, but he decided to remain in Shinnecock on his own. He was hired as the golf professional at the Maidstone Club in East Hampton, NY. He went on to work as the golf pro at several clubs including Aronimink Golf Club near Philadelphia, PA, but he is best known for his tenure as the head pro at the Shady Rest Golf Course (now known as Scotch Hills Country Club) in Scotch Plains, NJ. Shady Rest was the first Black golf club in the United States – which was established to provide recreation and entertainment for all ages. Activities included golf, tennis, horseback riding, skeet shooting concerts, dining, etc.

Shippen worked at the Shady Rest from 1924 until his retirement in 1960 during an era when Black luminaries, scholars, social reformers and entertainers such as W.E.B. DeBois, Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, Billie Holliday and Cab Calloway came to perform and enjoy themselves, and where Althea Gibson honed her tennis skills.

In 2009, the PGA of America bestowed John Shippen with his PGA Membership card posthumously, and he is now recognized by the USGA as America's first golf professional. In 2018, he was inducted into the New Jersey Golf Association Hall of Fame's Inaugural Class.

History has largely omitted John Shippen's story, which has left several outlets to begin filling in the blanks that have been left undocumented. THE JOHN SHIPPEN aims to create opportunities in golf for Black men and women, ensure his story is told and preserve his tremendous legacy, which is one of Black History, but also of American History.



John Matthew Shippen

THE JOHN SHIPPEN MEMORIAL GOLF FUND

The John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation was founded in 1995 by Thurman and Ruby Simmons in Scotch Plains, NJ. They began studying his legacy in 1988 and have spent more than 30 years elevating Shippen's name and elevating his place in American history. They founded the John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation and later the John Shippen Youth Golf Academy, where young people learn about John Shippen and the sport of golf.

The Foundation also raised funds to locate and erect a headstone on Shippen's grave at Rosedale Cemetery in Linden, N.J., worked with Scotch Plains, NJ to establish the "John Shippen Drive" ceremonial street sign at Scotch Hills CC and worked directly with the Club to create a permanent space for the "John Shippen Museum at Shady Rest."

The John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation is currently petitioning the United States Postal Service to create a U.S. Postal Stamp to celebrate Shippen's place in history.

In addition to funding paid internship and scholarship opportunities for Black golfers and sports professionals, a portion of the proceeds from THE JOHN SHIPPEN will be donated to The John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation.

www.johnshippenmemorialgolffoundation.com



ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

THE JOHN SHIPPEN, designed to showcase Black amateur and professional golfers, is named after John Shippen, Jr., who was the first American-born golf professional and also the country's first Black golf professional. Shippen was bestowed PGA of America membership posthumously in 2009.

To ensure that any financial barriers are removed, **THE JOHN SHIPPEN** will cover all travel costs (airfare and hotel) for participating players.



(Men's Field)

The 36-hole stroke play competition for Black male professional and amateur golfers will be held June 24 - 25 at Detroit Golf Club in Detroit, Michigan. A one-hour TV special about **THE JOHN SHIPPEN** will air on CBS leading into final-round coverage of the Rocket Mortgage Classic on Sunday, July 2.

The winner of the event will earn an exemption into the PGA TOUR's Rocket Mortgage Classic (June 29 – July 2). Sixteen of the 23 men in the field for the 2023 **THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational presented by Rocket Mortgage** are SHIPPEN alumni, including defending champion Wyatt Worthington II.



(Women's Field)



CONGRATULATIONS TO
Paige Crawford

The Women's Field Winner of the 2023 **THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational**.

She was awarded a sponsor exemption to both the 2023 Meijer LPGA Classic and the 2023 Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational.



CONGRATULATIONS TO
Paige Crawford

Winner of the 2023 **THE JOHN SHIPPEN Cognizant Cup** presented by Cognizant.

She was awarded a sponsor exemption to the 2023 LPGA's Cognizant Founders Cup.

THE BUSINESS SUMMIT



THE JOHN SHIPPEN Sports Business Summit was established by Intersport to create awareness of opportunities within the sports industry for high school and college students of color. Coming September 2023, students from across the country will be able to hear from and engage with sports and business executives, athletes and influencers in-person with virtual streaming available. Invited speakers will share their experiences and advice about how to pursue and secure a career within the multi- faceted sports industry.



THE JOHN SHIPPEN Sports Business Summit will cover a wide variety of topics ranging from “How to Land Your First Sports Internship” and “The Business of Sneakers” to “Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Within Sports” and “The World of Global Sponsorship”. Students can apply for paid internships and scholarships from partners, organizations and foundations within and beyond the sports industry. For more information on scholarship and fellowship opportunities please visit [THEJOHNSHIPHEN.COM](https://www.thejohnshippen.com).

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PRESENTING PARTNER:



Detroit-based Rocket Mortgage, the nation's largest home mortgage lender and part of Rocket Companies (NYSE: RKT), enables the American Dream of homeownership and financial freedom through its obsession with an industry-leading, digital-driven client experience. In late 2015, it introduced the first fully digital, completely online mortgage experience. Since its founding in 1985, Rocket Mortgage has closed \$1.5 trillion of mortgage volume across all 50 states. In late 2015, it introduced the first fully digital, completely online mortgage experience. Rocket Mortgage moved its headquarters to downtown Detroit in 2010. The company generates loan production from web centers located in Detroit, Cleveland and Phoenix. Rocket Companies, Rocket Mortgage's parent company, ranked #7 on Fortune's list of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in 2022 and has placed in the top third of the list for 19 consecutive years. For more information and company news visit RocketCompanies.com/PressRoom.

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May 11 – 14

Upper Montclair Country Club
Clifton, NJ

The Cognizant Founders Cup pays homage to the LPGA's rich history and the 13 women – known as the Founders – who created the LPGA Tour over 70 years ago.



June 15 – 18

Blythefield Country Club
Grand Rapids, MI

Event features 144 of the top female players in the world.



June 29 – July 2

Detroit Golf Club
Detroit, MI

The Rocket Mortgage Classic debuted in 2019 as the first PGA TOUR event held within the city of Detroit. Awarded the first "Fair Way Award" for its diversity and inclusion initiatives.

Featuring 2022 US Open Champion Tony Finau among a field of 156 players.



July 19 – 22

Midland Country Club
Midland, MI

The LPGA's Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational takes place in Midland, MI. Founded with the vision of building community and accelerating the efforts of the Great Lakes Bay Region, the event features 144 of the world's best golfers playing in 72 two-woman teams in a 72-hole stroke play format.

EVENT PARTNERS



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Wyatt Worthington II
2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN
National Invitational Men's Champion

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Aaron Beverly
Professional

Age: 29
College: Sacramento State
Residence: Vallejo, California

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption (PGA TOUR)
- 2022 PGA Tour Canada (Mackenzie Tour) member



Jabir Bilal
Professional

Age: 38
College: Grambling State University
Residence: Stockton, California

- 2021 PGA Georgia Section Championship Winner
- 2022 PGA National Championship Contestant



Jordan Bohannon
Professional

Age: 27
College: North Carolina Central University
Residence: Tampa, Florida

- Drive Chip & Putt National Finalist
- 3 Collegiate Individual Wins
- NC Central University career scoring average record holder
- 7 Top Ten APGA Tour Finishes (3 in 2022)
- Competed in 2022 APGA Tour Bermuda Invitational
- Top African American finisher at Michigan Open the last 2 years
- Tied 8th at 2023 US Open Local Qualifying
- Tied 7th at 2023 APGA Tour Las Vegas



Gary Bullard
Amateur

Age: 22
College: Army West Point, United States Military Academy
Residence: Chantilly, Virginia

- APGA Deere Run low amateur
- APGA Craig Ranch low amateur
- Nassau Invitational T18 (73-74-75), undefeated in match play against Navy



Marcus Byrd
Professional

Age: 26
College: Middle Tennessee State
Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2023 PGA TOUR Honda Classic competitor
- 2023 PGA TOUR Wells Fargo Championship competitor
- 2023 Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption (PGA TOUR)
- 2020 U.S. Amateur participant
- 2019 Conference USA Player of the Year



Jean-Romarc Djezou
Professional

Age: 26
College: Lycée Technique d'Abidjan - Ivory Coast
Residence: Abidjan, Ivory Coast

- Number one Professional Golfer in Ivory Coast West Africa.
- Member of the Florida Professional Golf Tour



Kevin Hall
Professional

Age: 40
College: The Ohio State University
Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2004 Big Ten Individual Stroke Play Champion
- Earned conditional status on the Korn Ferry Tour for the 2018 season
- Four-time APGA Tour winner



Christian Heavens
Professional

Age: 34
College: Georgetown College
Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona

- NAIA All American
- 3x APGA Winner
- Former PGA Tour Canada Member
- Won 27 professional events
- Golf Channel's Big Break Myrtle Beach Competitor



Michael Herrera
Professional

Age: 25
College: Riverside City College
Residence: Los Angeles, California

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational runner-up
- 2023 PGA Tour Farmers Insurance Open competitor
- Two professional wins
- Five professional top 5s



Joe Hooks
Professional

Age: 30
College: Wayne State University
Residence: Detroit, Michigan

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 Seven Top 5s on APGA Tour and 3 Runner Ups

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MEN



Chase Johnson
Professional

Age: 27
College: Kent State University
Residence: Barborton, Ohio

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- Mid-American Conference Player of the Year 2016
- U.S. Amateur participant 2016, 2018
- 2017-2018 All American honorable mention
- NCAA All-American Honorable Mention 2018
- PGA Latino America Tour member for 2019 season
- Korn Ferry Tour member 2020 and 2021 season
- 2023 APGA Tour member



C.M. Mixon
Amateur

Age: 22
College: University of Louisville
Residence: Bowling Green, Kentucky

- 2023 PGA Works Collegiate Champion
- 2022 Robert Trent Jones Amateur Champion
- 2022 The Players Amateur Champion
- 2020 ACC Academic Honor Roll
- 2018 USGA Junior Amateur competitor



Xavier Proctor
Amateur

Age: 23
College: Livingstone College
Residence: Shelby, North Carolina

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- One collegiate win
- Three college top 5 finishes
- 2022 CIAA Player of The Year
- 2022 NCAA Ping D2 All American
- 2022 Jackson T. Stephens Cup competitor
- 2023 CIAA Northern Division All-Tournament Team



Quinn Riley
Professional

Age: 22
College: Duke University
Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- Three PGA TOUR starts (John Deere Classic, Shriners Children's Open, Wells Fargo Championship)
- One collegiate win (2022 Stitch Intercollegiate Championship)
- Three collegiate Top 10s
- 2022 Ranked #1 APGA Rankings
- First African American golfer in Duke University program history
- Stith intercollegiate champion
- 6 top 5 finishes on APGA
- 7 top 10 finishes on APGA



Marcus Smith
Amateur

Age: 21
College: Howard University
Residence: Temple Hills, Maryland

- One collegiate win
- Two collegiate top 10s
- IHSA State Champion 2018
- AJGA UHY Detroit Junior at Forest Lake Champion 2020
- Top 10 at Mountaineer Invitational 2021
- T6 at Boilermaker Invitational 2022
- T5 at APGA Tour @ TPC Deere Run 2022
- T3 & Low Amateur in the 73rd Illinois Open Championship, 2022
- T2 at USF-Howard Intercollegiate 2022
- T3 at Carpet Bagger Intercollegiate 2023
- T6 at NEC Conference Championship



Kristopher Stiles
Amateur

Age: 20
College: San Jose State University
Residence: Palmdale, California

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- Two collegiate top 10s
- 2021 Academic All-Mountain West and Mountain West Scholar Athlete.
- 12 top 25's in collegiate events
- 2022 US Amateur qualifier
- 2022 GCAA All-America Scholar
- 2022 BCGCA All-America Team



Joey Stills
Professional

Age: 27
College: University of West Florida
Residence: Orlando, Florida

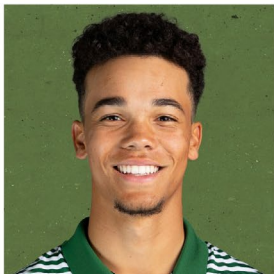
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2023 PGA Tour Latin American Member
- 2022 Jim Thorpe Invitational Winner
- 2023 Runner Up APGA Famers Insurance Open
- 10 top 10s in 2022 APGA Tour Season



Troy Taylor II
Professional

Age: 23
College: Michigan State
Residence: Westerville, Ohio

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- One Korn Ferry Tour start
- One collegiate win
- Three collegiate top 5s
- Mr. Ohio Golf 2018
- Ranked number 1 junior golfer in State of Ohio 2018



Andrew Walker
Professional

Age: 24
College: Michigan State
Residence: Holt, Michigan

- 2022 APGA Cisco Invitational Champion
- Two-time Srixon/Cleveland All American Scholar (2018/19, 2019/20)
- Qualified for the US Amateur at the age of 14; 5th youngest in history at the time and still the youngest African American to ever qualify and play in the US Amateur



Montrele Wells
Professional

Age: 40
College: Benedict College
Residence: Jacksonville, Florida
• National Minority Champion Inaugural Adrian Stills Award Recipient

MEET THE PLAYERS MEN



Everett Whiten Jr.
Amateur

Age: 22
College: Howard University
Residence: Chesapeake, Virginia

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- Two collegiate wins
- Howard record holder for lowest 18- and 54-hole total
- 2021-22 All MEAC team
- 2020-21 All MEAC Team
- 2021-22 Towson Invitational Medalist
- 2019-20 Hampton Invitational Medalist
- 2022 Jackson T. Stephens Cup competitor
- 2018-19 Big South All Freshmen Team



Wyatt Worthington II
Professional

Age: 36
College: Methodist University
Residence: Columbus, Ohio

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 PGA TOUR Rocket Mortgage Classic competitor
- 2023 PGA Championship competitor (Oak Hill)
- 2022 PGA Championship competitor (Southern Hills)
- 2016 PGA Championship competitor (Baltusrol)
- Winner of TPC Las Vegas APGA 2023

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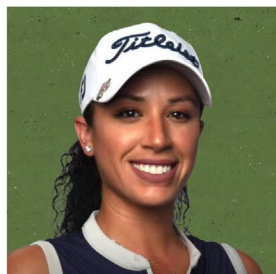
MEET THE PLAYERS WOMEN



Lakareber Abe
Professional

Age: 27
College: University of Alabama
Residence: The Woodlands, TX

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Cognizant Cup champion
- 2022 LPGA Cognizant Founders Cup competitor
- 2023 Epson Tour member



Shasta Averyhardt
Professional

Age: 37
College: Jackson State University
Residence: Flint, MI

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational Champion
- Seven Professional wins.
- 2011, 2013 LPGA Tour member



Madison Barnett
Professional

Age: 25
College: University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Residence: Atlanta, GA

- THE JOHN SHIPPEN Cognizant Cup competitor
- Runner-up 2021 Georgia State Golf Association Women's Match Play
- Top 10 finish Georgia Women's Amateur



Christina Carroll
Amateur

College: University of Delaware
Residence: Bear, Delaware



Paige Crawford
Professional

Age: 32
College: Montana State University
Residence: Colorado Springs, CO

- THE JOHN SHIPPEN Cognizant Cup Champion
- 2023 LPGA Cognizant Founders Cup competitor
- Four professional top-10s
- 2013 Big Sky individual champion



Bailey Davis
Amateur

Age: 21
College: University of Tennessee
Residence: White Plains, MD

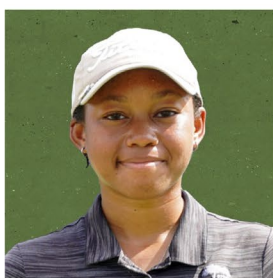
- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 US Women's Open at Pine Needles competitor



Marley Franklin
Amateur

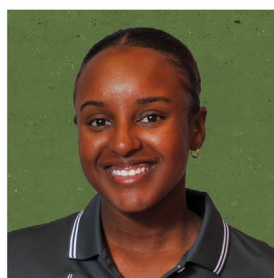
Age: 19
College: Howard University
Residence: Los Angeles, CA

- 2022 L.A. City Junior Golf Champion
- Second place in the SAS Invitational
- 2022 Jackson T. Stephens Cup competitor



Alaythia Hinds
Amateur

Residence: Rancho Murieta, California



Cami March
Professional

Age: 24
College: Washington State University
Residence: Los Angeles, CA

- Captain of Washington State Women's Golf team



Georgia Oboh
Professional

Age: 22
Residence: Lagos, Nigeria

- 2023 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Cognizant Cup
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational participant
- First Nigerian to Monday qualify and compete in an LPGA event (2022 ShopRite LPGA Classic)
- 2023 Ladies European Tour member (LET)
- 2023 Epson Tour member

MEET THE PLAYERS WOMEN



Jade Sanders
Professional

Age: 25

College: Alabama State University
Residence: Pensacola, FL

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Shoot-out Presented by Cognizant participant
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- 2022 Jim Thorpe Invitational competitor



Ashley Shaw
Amateur

Age:14

Residence: Litchfield Park, Arizona

- Inaugural Curry Cup Champion
- 2022 Arizona Golf Association Women's Match Play Champion
- 2022 Top 10 finish Arizona Women's Stroke Play

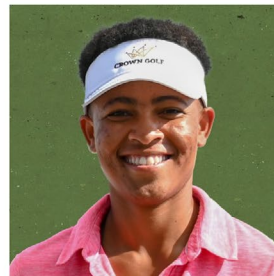


Micaa' Thomas
Professional

Age: 26

College: Savannah College of Art
Residence: Beaumont, TX

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Shoot-out Presented by Cognizant participant
- Four National Women's Golf Association starts
- Five East Coast Women's All-Pro Tour starts



Anita Uwadia
Professional

Age: 25

College: University of South Carolina
Residence: Lagos, Nigeria

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Women's Invitational champion
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational competitor
- T-36 2022 LPGA Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational
- 2021 LPGA Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational competitor