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**PAIGE CRAWFORD CAPTURES  
THE JOHN SHIPPEN COGNIZANT CUP  
EARNS EXEMPTION INTO  
LPGA TOUR'S COGNIZANT FOUNDERS CUP**

**Crawford cards two birdies enroute to three-over-par 75, earns exemption into Cognizant Founders Cup and first LPGA Tour start**

**CLIFTON, NJ (May 8, 2023)** – Paige Crawford of Colorado Springs, Colorado shot a three-over-par 75 to take home **THE JOHN SHIPPEN Cognizant Cup**.

Crawford earns an exemption into the LPGA Tour's [Cognizant Founders Cup](#) (May 11 - 14) held at Upper Montclair Country Club in Clifton, New Jersey, the same venue that hosted **THE JOHN SHIPPEN Cognizant Cup**.

"It's an honor to win such a special event. It's been my dream to play on the LPGA Tour and I am excited to make that a reality this week. I'm so grateful to Cognizant for the opportunity," Crawford said. "It means a lot."

Crawford finished two shots clear of defending champion Lakareber Abe who finished with a five-over-par 77 and three strokes ahead of Mariah Stackhouse who finished third.

Crawford said she is looking forward to the opportunity to play as a sponsor exemption in the Cognizant Founders Cup

"I'm excited to compete," she said "I really like the course and want to keep the momentum going"

**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.

Later this summer, **THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational** will feature the nation's top Black women and men competing in 36-hole stroke play competitions. The women will compete at Blythefield Country Club in Grand Rapids Michigan, June 6-7 and the winner will receive exemptions into the [Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give](#), June 15 - 18 and [Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational](#) July 19 – 22. The men's competition will again be held at Detroit Golf Club June 24–25. The winner will once again receive an exemption into the PGA TOUR's [Rocket Mortgage Classic](#) (June 29 – July 2).

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